

Rebecca Clutter of NARO Appalachia in written testimony questioned whether the panel has considered mineral owners as part of the debate on the bill, noting that the state itself is a large-scale mineral owner.

"On the surface, this issue is about a single corporation seeking to use recycled brine for use in road applications," she said. "The bigger issue is that the filtered brine kicks back Rare Earth Elements (RRE) from privately owned mineral sources. Specifically we are seeing a high degree of interest regarding Lithium filtered from not only brine, but from coal ponds as well."

"The responsibility to protect private property rights regarding mineral assets inclusive of REE's belongs to all of you," she said. "Our ask is that should brine be listed as a commodity, that it also be looked at from the perspective of how the mineral owner, including the State of Ohio, would be properly compensated and that discussions on this include mineral owners and not simply those tied to industry."

Adam Rissien of the Ohio Sierra Club offered written opponent testimony, saying the bill could lead to the contamination of rivers, streams and lakes.

He said the bill includes language that shows an intent to make brine waste safe for commercial use, but doesn't include direction that could prevent environmental- or health-related issues.

Mr. Rissien said the Ohio Department of Transportation doesn't have testing protocols or a process to ensure the safety of brine waste products, and isn't the right agency to protect natural resources or health.

Processed brine can continue to include heavy materials and radiologicals that could create unnecessary environmental risks, and said the bill doesn't include anything that ensures the safety of processed brine, he wrote. He also raised concerns about provisions that he said "egregiously" limit the authority of state officials to establish rules or additional requirements regarding the substance.

Robbin Rogers of Medina County Together also submitted written opponent testimony.

She said the oil and gas industry has worked to block environmental and health protections.

"Today you have an opportunity to take one step-not even a bold step against the fossil fuel industry-but an important step nonetheless," she said. "And it involves supporting a legislature that bucked the national trend and implemented changes to regulations concerning transporting, dispersing, and labeling of products originating or manufactured from fossil fuel brine."

**HB 422** **WATER SEWER ACQUISITIONS (Ginter, T., Rogers, J.)** To govern acquisitions of municipal water-works and sewage disposal system companies by certain larger nonmunicipal water-works or sewage disposal system companies. (**CONTINUED**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Daniel Shields, director of the analytical services department at the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, presented written opponent testimony.

"This concern includes that the bill would undermine the long-time protection of ratemaking statutes that Ohio utility consumers should not pay rates based on more than the original cost of acquiring utility plant (assets)," he said. "The use of original cost for ratemaking is fair."

to utilities and to consumers, but the bill would redefine original cost in a way that can lead to higher rates for consumers."

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## **Ways & Means**

**HB 186** **HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES (Rogers, J., Scherer, G.)** To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a post-secondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

"The provision granting deductions for credentials earned by students will put money back in the pockets of Ohioans," said Daniel Palmer, chief justice of Wright State University's Student Government Association and executive director of the Ohio Student Government Association.

Mr. Palmer said he is concerned about how college students will be claimed as dependents and brought New Jersey's "Dependents Attending Colleges Exemption" to the committee's attention.

He recommended the committee consider including a similar exemption into the bill, which would grant taxpayers a \$1,000 flat deduction that pays at least one half of the "tuition and maintenance costs for a dependent full-time student under age 22," if certain requirements are met.

Mr. Palmer said the exemption saved New Jersey taxpayers \$10.5 million in 2017.

Rep. Blessing asked how this proposal could reduce costs in the long run for college students. If Ohio invests in this matter, the state's institutions will become more marketable which will pay off in the long run, Mr. Palmer said.

Morris W. Beverage Jr., president of Lakeland Community College said in written testimony that the proposal offers relief to Ohio graduates.

"The proposal to adjust the taxable income of recent graduates relative to their out of pocket Qualified Higher Education Expenses is a welcome consideration that recognizes the value of a student and family's investment in education and training, recognizing their struggles, and recognizing their desire to increase their ability to participate in and contribute to workforces and economic development in our state," Mr. Beverage said in testimony.

In written testimony, Dave Wiles, president of CT Consultants, said the bill could help the company compete by expanding its base with high quality graduates in Ohio.

"I strongly believe that any incentive that can enhance the benefits of a post-secondary education, including any financial assistance to help graduates with their responsibilities towards repayment of their school loans, is not only good for our local, state and federal governments, but it is in the student's best interests towards becoming independent and responsible tax-paying citizens," Edward Brown, CFO and owner of the Brown Aveda Institutes, Casal Aveda Institute, and Ladies and Gentlemen Salon and Spas, said in written testimony.

**HB 337** **COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS (Duffey, M.)** To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students. (**CONTINUED**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

"Eliminating the sales tax on textbooks will make the cost of obtaining a higher education more affordable, obtainable, and prove to be beneficial to the hundreds and thousands of students in Ohio," James Curtis, a student at Wright State University told the committee. According to the College Board, the annual cost of books and materials for students is \$1,168 and this cost is expected to grow if the textbook inflation rate continues, Mr. Curtis said.

Numerous polls have revealed the negative impact financial burdens, including rising textbook prices, can have on education, he explained.

**Rep. Louis Blessing** (R-Cincinnati) asked if the lower sales tax would raise demand and therefore the price of textbooks, resulting a situation where textbook prices remain high. Mr. Curtis replied that if demand increases, supply would follow.

Mr. Curtis told **Rep. Michael Henne** (R-Clayton) that increasing the use of online materials and encouraging faculty to be lenient on which editions of textbooks are required would also help to ease the financial burden of textbooks for students.

Mr. Curtis told **Rep. Craig Riedel** (R-Defiance) that the exemption would not apply to high schools that buy textbooks for College Credit Plus programs.

**Rep. Tim Schaffer** (R-Lancaster) asked if any student groups had appealed to publishers of these textbooks to inquire about the rising costs. There have been many initiatives and petitions to try to reach the publishers to little or no effect, Mr. Curtis replied.

In October, the Ohio Faculty Council voted on a resolution which established a set of approaches to reduce textbook costs for students in the state of Ohio, Dan Krane professor of biological sciences at Wright State University and chair of the Ohio Faculty Council, told the committee.

If fully implemented, the proposal would result in a savings of \$300 million annually, Mr. Krane said.

Many states already exempt textbook sales from their sales tax, giving those states a competitive advantage when trying to recruit students, he said.

Mr. Krane said he does not believe implementing a sales tax exemption would lead faculty members to choose textbooks that are not exempt for reasons regarding profit.

He told Rep. Blessing it is hard to tell how high the cost of textbooks would be if the states mentioned had not implemented sales tax exemptions. However, the sales tax exemption is third on the faculty council's list of initiatives to lower textbook costs and other proposals may be more impactful.

Mr. Krane said he is concerned about Ohio being at a competitive disadvantage to other state institutions for recruitment purposes, not necessarily for cross-border tax avoidance strategies.

He told Rep. Merrin that the exemption applies to any book required by a collegiate course syllabus in the state of Ohio. For companies like Amazon, there would need to be a mechanism to exempt the sales tax, he added.

LSC noted that if a student purchases a book online, the bill requires the student to provide the company with their address, the title of the academic course, name and address of the institution and the student's university identification card number, among other information.

**(LSC Analysis)**

**Rep. Derek Merrin** (R-Monclova Twp.) asked how it would be determined if a book is a required textbook. LSC noted that the bill restricts the exemption to books assigned by a course syllabus.

**Rep. Bill Patmon** (D-Cleveland) asked how the bill would work to help students over time, assuming textbook price inflation continues.

Governor Kasich inspired the faculty council's set of proposals to ease the financial burden on college students, Mr. Krane said.

"The textbook industry is a broken business model," Mr. Krane told the committee. To address the situation involving publishers and used booksellers, the faculty council recommends an "inclusive access" strategy, which calls for institutions to negotiate the price of books with publishers rather than leaving this to the students, he explained.

Rep. Patmon said he is concerned that there is no mechanism to prevent the increasing price inflation. Mr. Krane said he does not believe the sales tax exemption will fully address the problem, but the "inclusive access" provision of the faculty council's approach could.

Rep. Schaffer asked if the professor knew who benefits from the increasing textbook costs. Members of university faculty are not the leading beneficiaries, Mr. Krane explained as the author of a textbook himself. The publishers and the used booksellers are the "culprits," he added.

In response to Rep. Merrin's statement that professors have a tremendous power in choosing the latest and most expensive edition of textbooks, Mr. Krane replied that in the interest of academic freedom he does not believe this right should be infringed upon. However, as a professor he has experienced the games publishers play by only including online access codes on the latest editions, which contain necessary tools for the course, Mr. Krane added.

The faculty council is working diligently to find an incentive to encourage faculty to develop alternatives to expensive books, he told the committee.

Rep. Schaffer asked if there are anti-trust concerns in situations where faculty may ban together with publishers. Mr. Krane said it would be more likely to see this from the academic institutions. Nonetheless, the inclusive access strategy has been successful in Indiana and publishers have been open to the method, he explained.

**HB 351**

**MILITARY TAX EXEMPTION (Perales, R., Butler, J.)** To require municipal corporations to exempt from taxation the military pay of members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service. **(CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)**

On behalf of the Ohio Council of Chapters Military Officers Association, Colonel John McCoy said in written testimony that the proposal to delete the terms "armed forces" and replace it with "uniformed services" from the code would have no fiscal impact to the state.

The change would extend benefits to Public Health Services and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration which support other military services,

are subject to deployments, and react to national emergencies among other duties, Mr. McCoy said in testimony.

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## **Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**

**HB 392** **APIARY DAMAGES (Stein, D.)** To grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases. **(REPORTED (No testimony); 5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)**

**Rep. Brigid Kelly** (D-Cincinnati) and **Rep. Alicia Reece** (D-Cincinnati) voted against the measure.

**HB 433** **VETERINARY EDUCATION (Kelly, B., Brinkman, T.)** To allow a licensed veterinarian to receive up to two continuing education credits per biennium for performing free spaying and neutering services. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Rep. Kelly (D-Cincinnati) said her bill is a common sense approach to enable veterinarians in Ohio to earn continuing education credit by performing free spaying and neutering services at a county humane society, dog pound or nonprofit.

For every hour spent providing these services, veterinarians would receive one-half hour credit of continuing education towards the annual requirement, she explained. Participating veterinarians could receive up to two hours of credit per renewal.

The goal of the bill is to responsibly curb the issue of pet overpopulation, Rep. Kelly said. The Humane Society of the United States successfully lobbied for similar bill in the state of New York in 2016, she added.

Rep. Kelly told **Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan** (D-Youngstown) that the bill would not change the number of hours required for continuing education, rather it provides veterinarians the option to apply time spent volunteering to the credits.

Rep. Lepore-Hagan inquired if there was a need for the incentive. Co-Sponsor **Rep. Tom Brinkman** (R-Cincinnati) said the goal of the bill is to address the problem of overpopulated animal shelters while providing veterinarians with an incentive to volunteer their time rather than fulfilling their continuing education credits at a luxurious conference.

Many veterinarians are already donating their time to provide free spaying and neutering services, Rep. Kelly told the committee. This bill provides a practical incentive to continue to do so.

**HB 444** **FOOD OPERATION FEES (Sweeney, M.)** To require a seasonal food service operation license fee to be one-half of the license fee for a food service operation that is not a seasonal food service operation. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

**Rep. Martin Sweeney** (D-Cleveland) said his bill will allow for a separate food license for half of the year, in addition to the standard year-long operation license to accommodate seasonal food businesses.

"This legislation will allow these businesses to save a little bit of money on their license, which in turn, could be used to hire additional seasonal help," Rep. Sweeney said. "As the seasonal help at these types of businesses are often high school students, this will help instill a strong work ethic in even more young Ohioans throughout the state."

Rep. Sweeney told Rep. Dick Stein (R-Norwalk) that a food truck entity could apply for the seasonal license if it operated for less than six months out of the year.

Rep. Brinkman said he liked the idea of a seasonal operating license and wondered if it could apply to all types of seasonal businesses including entities like golf courses and hockey rinks.

The sponsor replied that the mentioned entities do not need to apply for a yearly license, but that he is open to the committee's feedback and suggestions.

Rep. Sweeney told Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) that if a golf course has a seasonal food business, then that food business could apply for a seasonal permit.

Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton) asked if the sponsor had considered the impacts on a county with a high density of seasonal workers. Rep. Sweeney replied that he had not but would work closely with the committee and representatives from those areas to address that issue.

Rep. Lepore-Hagan inquired how the funds would be supplemented with some revenue streams being cut in half. Rep. Sweeney replied that though the revenue stream would be eliminated, the change would have a minimal impact on the general fund of most counties to the great benefit of small, seasonal businesses.

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## **Government Accountability & Oversight**

**HJR 4** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Schuring, K.)** Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. **(CONTINUED (No testimony); 9th Hearing-All testimony)**

**HB 382** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Schuring, K.)** To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. **(CONTINUED (No testimony); 9th Hearing-All testimony)**

**HB 410** **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (Seitz, B., Butler, J.)** To grant municipal and county courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action concerning a traffic law violation, to specify that the court require an advance

deposit for the filing of specified civil actions by the local authority bringing the civil action, and to modify the reporting requirements and LGF withholding that apply to subdivisions that operate traffic law photo-monitoring devices.  
(CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Traffic safety activist Sharon Montgomery raised questions about the use of traffic cameras in interested party testimony.

One problem with red-light cameras is how they enforce legal right turns at red lights, she said. One solution is to eliminate the option at intersections with cameras.

The bill could solve procedural issues regarding traffic cameras by ensuring they go through the court system, she said.

Ms. Montgomery also raised questions about the revenue motive behind traffic cameras. She asked if the increased safety provided by the cameras balanced the revenue generated by them.

"What evidence is there that municipalities have installed cameras for revenue only?" she asked. "How do we determine motive? Why is it not okay to make money while also doing something good?"

Ms. Montgomery also cited evidence that red-light cameras reduce T-bone crashes but increase rear-end crashes, and said roundabouts have also been implemented to the same effect.

She suggested the legislature work to ensure cameras don't penalize legal actions and fix procedures for dealing with tickets, but that cities not be penalized for efforts to improve safety and generate revenue.

"Revenue challenges already exist for many, if not most, local governments," she said. "They have been asked to 'do more with less' and not to make up already existing reductions in state funding by increasing local taxes."

**Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) asked Ms. Montgomery if municipalities were using revenue from traffic cameras on safety issues.

Ms. Montgomery said she was aware that the bill would require money to be spent on safety. Local governments, compared to the state, are often best positioned to ensure money is used effectively, she said.

Kent Scarrett, executive director of the Ohio Municipal League, wrote in opposition to the bill, saying it would create unnecessary burdens for municipalities in enforcing local safety regulations.

"The bill strips cities and villages of their right to use administrative hearings for civil citation issuance via traffic camera, which is an effective and financially-responsible means of providing a hearing process - particularly for Ohio's small villages, which are often understaffed and financially strained," he wrote.

The bill also re-litigates an issue already decided by the Ohio Supreme Court, Mr. Scarrett said.

A major concern he cited was that it would require municipalities to file an annual report with the tax commissioner and the municipality's local government fund disbursement would be reduced accordingly.

"Despite the Constitutional right municipalities have to operate traffic cameras, this bill seeks to punish those municipalities who use that right by further depleting the revenues they need to ensure safety and provide local services," he said.

**HB 430** **ENERGY TAX EXEMPTION (Schaffer, T.)** To expand the scope of a sales and use tax exemption for certain kinds of property used in the production of oil and gas. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 451** **PUBLIC RECORDS (Retherford, W.)** To exclude from the definition of public record under the Public Records Law any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or digital, visual, or printed material of victims of crime under specified circumstances dealing with the victims' bodily privacy. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Wes Retherford** (R-Hamilton) said the bill is designed to protect victims in sexually oriented crimes, such as voyeurism, from having images submitted as evidence in a court case released as a public record.

"Ohio is a very open and transparent state and we have some of the most transparent public records laws in the country," he said. "Government transparency is key to an effective republic. However, ascertaining these photos, videos, images, etc. would have no effect on ensuring public protection through open records laws, instead would just lead to the potential of having an already violated individual become victimized again, when they should be focused on rebuilding in the aftermath."

The bill came from a conversation with police in Hamilton, who raised concerns that they would have to release compromising images if such records were requested.

"While this has not been, to the best of my knowledge, an issue yet, I believe that the proper thing for the General Assembly to do is to take a proactive approach to this issue," Rep. Retherford said. "Why should we wait for this to happen before we respond?"

**HB 462** **HOSPITAL CLOSINGS (Schuring, K., West, T.)** To require that a for-profit hospital and its affiliated health care facilities in certain counties follow specified procedures before ceasing operations or closing, and to declare an emergency. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

**Small Cell Wireless:** Sponsor **Rep. Sarah LaTourette** (R-Chagrin Falls) testified in an informal hearing on a bill (**HB 478**) introduced Tuesday that deals with small cell wireless technology.

The technology - low-powered antennas attached to streetlights and poles that help upgrade wireless networks - was the subject of controversy when lawmakers included language in a bill last session (SB331, 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly) allowing communication companies to install the antennas in municipal rights-of-way.

Municipalities filed lawsuits against the provision and courts found the law violated the Ohio Constitution's single subject rule. (See **Gongwer Ohio Report, March 31, 2017**)

"Rather than merely passing the same language as a standalone bill, we asked the wireless industry and the municipalities to see if they could resolve their differences, so we can pass a



law that will remove the uncertainty caused by the litigation and spur the investment and innovation as was originally intended," Rep. LaTourette said.

The bill creates uniform fees - a \$250 application fee for request and \$200 annual charge to attach to a municipally owned or controlled pole - and a process for obtaining permits. It also lays out approaches for municipalities to protect the aesthetic character of the right-of-way.

**(LSC analysis)**

Rep. LaTourette, who is sponsoring the bill alongside Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell), said the language stems from negotiations over the past three months with municipal officials, city engineers and representatives of the wireless industry.

"This was truly a collaborative effort and the participants should be commended for not only their hard work but also their willingness to negotiate a solution," she said. "The bill before you balances the industry's need to deploy small cells in a timely manner with municipalities' legitimate interest in protecting the aesthetic character of the public way."

**Criminal Justice**

**HB 349** **POLICE ANIMALS (LaTourette, S.)** To increase the penalty for assaulting a police dog or horse and to include search and rescue dogs and horses in the prohibition against assaulting or harassing a police animal. **(CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE; 2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)**

Before hearing testimony, the panel accepted a substitute bill offered by Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) to restore existing penalties for assault on a police animal and to set the same penalties for assault on search and rescue animals. **(Comp doc)**

In proponent testimony, Dr. Robert Davis said search and rescue dogs and horses oftentimes encounter the same types of interference as experienced by police dogs and horses.

"Sometimes SAR teams enter private property either unknowingly or accompanied by law enforcement as part of the investigation," he said. "Although distinguishably marked, SAR animals may be subject to various actions by hostile property owners. It may also be the case that the subject of the search was not initially known to be a criminal actor and, when the SAR dog or horse makes contact with the subject, there is potential for harm."

Alice Ault of Miami Valley Mounted Search and Rescue said in proponent testimony that attacks on SAR animals have a high probability of resulting in serious injuries to humans.

"Injury occurs to the equestrian as the result of the equine falling onto the equestrian after it has been violently attacked," she said "This is one of the reasons horsemanship has been determined to be the most dangerous sport in the sports world. Some SAR equine can weigh more than twelve hundred pounds. Because of this, an equine falling onto a rider, as the result of a violent attack, can result in a multitude of traumatic injuries; the most serious, being paralysis or death."

Janelle Hideg of the Midwest K9 Search Unit also provided proponent testimony.

The panel also received written proponent testimony from Jerry Whaley of the Buckeye Emergency Response Training School.

**HB 405** **COUNTERFEITING (Perales, R.)** To create the offense of counterfeiting and to include counterfeiting within the definition of "corrupt activity" under the

Corrupt Activities Law. **(REPORTED-AMENDED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)**

The bill was amended by Rep. Rezabek to clarify that someone in possession of five or more access devices faces up to a third-degree felony charge.

**HB 409** **VETERAN TREATMENT (Butler, J., Perales, R.)** To permit courts to create veterans treatment courts and to allow courts to divert certain criminal defendants to participate in veterans treatment court. **(CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Judge Dennis Adkins said the need for the legislation has drastically increased since Sept. 11, 2001.

During the War on Terror, he said, some veterans have been deployed overseas as many as nine times.

"Some are changed more than others. Some suffer from serious problems," Judge Adkins said.

Judge Adkins created a veterans' treatment court in 2013. He said it has proven to be successful with a lower recidivism rate than other specialized dockets.

"The numbers speak for themselves. We have been very successful," he said.

**HB 439** **BAIL DETERMINATIONS (Dever, J., Ginter, T.)** To require courts to use the results of a validated risk assessment tool in bail determinations; to allow nonmonetary bail to be set; to require courts to collect certain data on bail, pretrial release, and sentencing; and to require the state Criminal Sentencing Commission to create a list of validated risk assessment tools and monitor the policies and procedures of courts in setting bail and utilizing pretrial supervision services. **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent & interested party)**

**HB 455** **DRUG TRAFFICKING (Wiggam, S.)** To provide that in determining the amount of cocaine for trafficking offenses, it also includes a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing cocaine, to increase penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses, and to name this act the Drug Trafficking Deterrence Act. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Under the measure, individuals charged with trafficking heroin, fentanyl, cocaine or other Scheduled I or II drugs would be charged with at least a third-degree felony that includes mandatory prison time.

"No longer will drug dealers be able to operate in this state with little fear of the law, and Ohio will draw a clear distinction in criminal penalties between trafficking and simply using illegal drugs," Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) said in sponsor testimony.

Rep. Wiggam said that since 2012, Ohio has reduced the incarceration of drug traffickers by 4%, while at the same time, unintentional overdose deaths have increased by 212%.

"We are in a battle for the future of Ohio," he said. "Without deterring drugs from entering and being produced in the state, we are failing those who are currently addicted, and we are jeopardizing our state's future."

Rep. Rezabek questioned the impact the bill would have on the state's already overcrowded prison system, adding he has heard the figure could be as many as 8,000 beds - the equivalent of three maximum security prisons.

Rep. Wiggam disputed the figure, saying the deterrence impact could lead to a much smaller impact.

Rep. Rezabek also questioned whether the bill addresses the definition of trafficking, noting that some users carry scales to ensure that they are not being ripped off when purchasing drugs.

Rep. Wiggam said the bill currently does not address that issue, but he would be open to looking further into the matter.

**HB 457** **DRUG TREATMENT (Antani, N.)** To require that an offender serving a community control sanction or a parolee who fails a drug test for heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil be held in jail or admitted to a residential treatment program for up to 30 days. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) said the legislation was spurred by Scottie Childers, who failed a drug test during a probation check-in and died of an overdose four hours later.

"Scottie's mother, Linda Chambers, was shocked that her son was able to walk out after testing positive. In this case, had Scottie been sent to jail, it would have saved his life," he said in sponsor testimony. "This bill will help protect and save the lives of individuals afflicted with substance abuse."

The bill would require individuals subject to community control or parole sanctions to be immediately sent to jail or a treatment facility if they test positive for heroin, fentanyl or carfentanil.

"I completely agree that those struggling with substance abuse should be treated as addicts who need treatment, and not as criminals. However, in current reality, we simply do not have enough residential treatment facilities for those who need it," he said.

"While we in the General Assembly must address that issue, we also must face where we are today in Ohio and the challenges that we are up against. While we are working on getting more treatment facilities, there has to be somewhere for individuals afflicted with substance abuse to go, and jail is the safest place for them."

**Rep. John Rogers** (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) questioned why cocaine is not included in the bill.

Rep. Antani said he was trying to narrowly tailor the bill to lessen the impact on county jails. He added that the original charge has to have involved one of the drugs named in the bill.

**HB 461** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Fedor, T., Galonski, T.)** To require a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance if the court has reason to believe that the act charged might be prostitution related or that the child might be a victim of human trafficking and to provide that the same elements for the offense of trafficking in persons that apply to a victim under the age of sixteen also apply to a victim who is age sixteen or seventeen. **(SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

The bill was pulled from the agenda at the sponsor's request.

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**Education & Career Readiness**

**HB 224** **SCHOOL FOODS (Ingram, C.)** To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging.  
(CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent & Interested party)

Rachel Tilford, food service director of Little Miami Schools and legislative chairperson for the School Nutrition Association of Ohio, said allowing food-sharing tables can benefit students who are food insecure.

However, the Department of Health currently requires any food remaining on sharing tables at the end of the day to be discarded, even if proper procedures are in place to safely store the food and keep it at proper temperatures.

Having to throw that food away results in about \$3,000 of waste annually in her district of 5,000 students alone, Ms. Tilford said.

"It is difficult to throw perfect good food in a garbage can. Try opening your refrigerator and tossing several dollars' worth of food into the trash," she said. "Staff have expressed concern that if people in our conservative community ever witnesses such waste that our department would be viewed negatively for wasting taxpayers' money and probably wind up as a scandalous media story."

She told Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) that many schools face shortfalls in their food service budgets and use money from the general fund used for educational purposes to provide lunches.

While schools lose lunch profits on calamity days, they typically don't lose product because district food service workers can go to schools and freeze any items that won't keep while school is called off, Ms. Tilford said in response to a question from **Rep. Dan Ramos** (D-Lorain).

**Rep. Theresa Gavarone** (R-Bowling Green) questioned how schools keep cold items such as milk and yogurt at a safe temperature after they've been served. The witness said students typically don't have the items on their lunch trays for more than 15 minutes and then they're placed in insulated or temperature controlled storage that's monitored by a thermometer.

Jessica Shelly, food service director for Cincinnati Public Schools, also submitted written testimony in support of the bill. She said the school throws out an estimated \$500,000 in products each year that are paid for by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**HB 438** **ESC BOARDS (Hambley, S., Kick, D.)** To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions.  
(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Joint sponsor, **Rep. Steve Hambley** (R-Brunswick) said the bill aims to "increase member schools' participation in ESC governance and return choice to school districts whose hands were tied under previous law changes.

The measure allows the governing board of any single county ESC to add appointed members who represent client school districts of the service center that are not otherwise represented on the board, he said. Multi-county ESCs already have this ability.

It also permits a local school district to sever its territory from one ESC and annex that territory to an adjacent ESC under certain conditions, joint sponsor Rep. Darrell Kick (R-Loudonville) said.

"Initial indications are that the only affected school districts would be Black River Local School District, and the five school districts in Sandusky County," he said, noting that the provision is permissive.

Responding to questions from the committee, Rep. Hambley said the Ohio Educational Service Center Association is supportive of the bill, which wouldn't allow appointed members to outnumber elected officials on boards.

Currently in the Black River Local School District, residents elect board members to an ESC they don't receive services from, which is what the bill is attempting to remedy, he said.

**HB 442** **SCHOOL ATHLETICS** (Antani, N.) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents.  
(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Students who come to America on F-1 visas don't get a complete high school experience because they're currently not allowed to play sports, sponsoring Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) said.

"The Ohio High School Athletic Association and its members - around 85% of which are public high schools, paid for by taxpayers - arbitrarily decided several years ago that some international students, like exchange students who are here for a year on a J-1 visa, may play sports, but others, who may be here for four years on an F-1 visa, may not participate unless they meet specific criteria that are not applicable to the vast majority of students who receive an F-1 visa," he said.

He pointed to a 2015 comment from the OHSSA commissioner, who said that sports teach students life lessons, such as teamwork and commitment.

"Why would we want to deny a segment of students attending high school in Ohio from having these valuable experiences, just because of where they were born and the type of visa they have to legally attend school here?" Rep. Antani asked. "It is not something that our state government should let happen, especially when such rules are made by our public schools."

Rep. Ramos and Rep. Patterson raised concerns about recruiting athletes if the bill were to be approved.

"There has been concern that it's possible that students like this might congregate, some might use the term recruitment, in some particular schools and thus instead of a level playing field...it makes it harder for schools to compete," Rep. Patterson said.

Rep. Antani said it doesn't seem likely that schools would attempt to recruit students and there are OSHAA penalties in place for those that are caught doing so.

He suggested that private schools would only accept individuals who meet certain academic standards, which would make recruiting even more difficult.

By all accounts, students with J-1 visas, who are typically short-term foreign exchange students, aren't currently recruited despite being permitted to play OSHAA sports, Rep. Antani added.

**HCR 11** **EDUCATION PLAN (Gavarone, T.)** To approve Ohio's state education plan for implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

#### **Public Utilities**

**HB 143** **ELECTRIC COMPANIES (Sprague, R.)** To clarify the definition of "electric distribution company" for kilowatt-hour tax purposes. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Robert Sprague's** bill would preserve the previously-granted exemption of self-generators from the kilowatt-hour tax when it comes to power distribution, according to the sponsor.

The bill, he argued, is necessary to ensure exemptions spelled out in a 2001 law are properly applied by the Ohio Department of Taxation. That bill (SB3, 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly) exempted self-generators from the tax but the sponsor said that in recent years, ODT has begun levying the tax on some entities that should qualify as self-generators.

"This specific issue has to do with the interpretation of language regarding the tax on the distribution of energy over the grid," he said. "Since 'self-generator' is not specifically defined under Ohio's tax code, the Ohio Department of Taxation is treating certain entities that fit under the Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.01 definition of a 'self-generator' as electric distribution companies."

A substitute version of the bill is forthcoming after continued talks with ODT and other parties, Rep. Sprague (R-Findlay) said.

"My hope is we will soon reach a consensus on the language issues, but, due to certain views on the original principle of the exemption, there will still be opposition," Rep. Sprague said. "My intention was and is not to address the principle of whether the exemption is right or wrong; it is to clarify the intentions of Senate Bill 3 from the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly."

The sponsor told **Rep. Rick Perales** (R-Beavercreek) that "a lot of resistance" has been aired in interested party meetings over whether justification for the exemptions exists. "We're really not going to address that particular issue of the exemption," he said of the philosophical debate.

**HB 247** **UTILITY LAW (Romanchuk, M.)** To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged, to eliminate electric security plans and require all electric standard service offers to be delivered through market-rate offers, and to strengthen corporate separation requirements. (CONTINUED; 6th Hearing-All testimony)

Proponents continued pressing House lawmakers to support a bill to ban electric security plans over the objections of utility companies.

Tuesday marked the sixth hearing of the bill from **Rep. Mark Romanchuk** (R-Mansfield) which has been praised by consumer advocates as a way to bypass above-market riders levied on customers. But utilities remain staunchly opposed, arguing previously that MROs are less flexible and reduce competition. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, December 12, 2017](#)) Ohio Consumers' Counsel Bruce Weston reiterated his support for the bill, echoing remarks he's made before in front of the committee. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, November 14, 2017](#))

"In short, you would be solving a lot of problems and doing a lot of good for Ohioans by reforming the 2008 law to eliminate electric security plans," Mr. Weston argued. Ned Hill, an Ohio State University economist, agreed, criticizing the deal-making process in which utilities secure interested party support for ESPs through settlement agreement "carve outs."

"In a market-based economy markets should operate for the benefit of consumers, not for the benefit of companies," he said. "House Bill 247 will ensure that this remains true for electricity customers, and not just the few that are favored in special interest carve-outs in ESPs."

Barry Matchett, director of external affairs for NRG Energy, also voiced support for the bill, which he said contains "worthy policy goals" for Ohio consumers and large energy users. "Let me also be clear that this is a compromise bill from the start," Mr. Matchett said. "I will admit there were many proposed items that my own company would have liked to have seen included in this legislation. But what you have before you is a solid base of reforms to protect and preserve the robust and developing energy market here in Ohio primarily to the benefit of customers."

Micah Derry, state director for Americans for Prosperity-Ohio, submitted written interested party testimony stating the legislation is a "natural step on the heels" of a House-passed bill to rework the renewable energy standards ([HB 114](#)).

"As it relates to HB247, we think the steps taken in the legislation to eliminate the Electricity Security Plans (ESP) are an encouraging provision, as this would largely preclude the ability of utilities to charge above-market rates to consumers," Mr. Derry wrote.

"It would also open the way for more pro-consumer competitive outcomes through the default adoption of the Market-Rate Offer (MRO) ratemaking mechanism, which is intrinsically competitive since it sets rates through a competitive bidding process," he continued.

**HB 402** **TELEPHONE REGULATION** ([Hill, B.](#)) To revise state regulation of telephone companies. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, January 23, 2018

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Health, Human Services & Medicaid

**HB 145** **CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT** (Huffman, S., Sprague, R.) To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency. (**REPORTED-AMENDED**; 4th Hearing -All testimony-Possible vote)

The committee voted unanimously to report the bill after accepting two amendments. The first amendment, offered by Chairman Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville), deals with the potential of a move of Medicaid long-term services and supports into managed care. That proposal was hotly debated in the budget, with the General Assembly putting a limit on the administration's plan to implement the move, and Gov. John Kasich vetoing the language. The issue was resolved when the Kasich administration announced it would not begin the move.

The amendment states that the General Assembly would have the final say in whether Medicaid can move long-term care services to managed care, said Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton).

The other amendment includes language considered but tabled in December dealing with the move of the regulation of dieticians and respiratory care providers to the State Medical Board. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 5, 2017)

**HB 286** **PALLIATIVE CARE** (LaTourette, S.) To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care. (**CONTINUED-AMENDED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor & Possible amendments)

The committee accepted an amendment offered by Sen. Burke that adds exercise physiologists to list of experts that can be appointed to the interdisciplinary council, clarifies what non-hospice palliative care candidates may receive the service from a hospice facility, and makes technical corrections.

Sponsor Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chagrin Falls) said the bill would create an interdisciplinary council and education program to raise awareness about palliative care. Palliative care, in which a patient's quality of life is improved by reducing symptoms, pain and stress by giving them more control, is appropriate at any point in an illness, not just at the end of life.

"Palliative care is appropriate at any age and at any stage of a serious illness, but when palliative care is mentioned many people do instantly think of 'hospice care' and the

conversation stops," she said. "Because of this, palliative care is drastically and disappointingly underutilized in our state."

The council would include members from fields that work closely with palliative care recipients, and would serve as an advisory council to the Department of Health," Rep. LaTourette said. "The bill also creates an education program to inform patients and medical providers about the care."

**Sen. Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City) asked what the council's main objective would be.

The sponsor said education is important, because if people don't know about palliative care, they won't take advantage of it. The council would also be required to submit annual reports to the General Assembly.

**HB 50** **EBT CARDS** (**Schaffer, T.**) To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 110** **HEALTH CARE IDENTIFICATION** (**Tavares, C.**) To require a health care professional to wear identification when providing care or treatment in the presence of a patient. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The bill would require certain health care professionals to wear an identification card, badge or similar device, including a photograph, when providing care, sponsor **Sen. Charleta B. Tavares** (D-Columbus) said. The badge would be required to include the person's licensure status and staff position.

"Without this legislation it is all too easy for patients to confuse who is and is not a licensed health care professional," she said. "It is also very easy for unlicensed or unqualified individuals to administer care to unaware patients. The misrepresentation of the level of training held by health care professionals is dangerous and can result in the loss of a loved one's life."

The sponsor detailed the story of a patient in South Carolina who ultimately died from complications from a pain reliever after surgery and whose mother repeatedly asked for a veteran physician at the hospital to examine him, but was only met by residents.

"It is vital that health care professionals are required to wear identification of who they are and what their level of training is in order to insure the utmost level of transparency between patients and health professionals," she said.

**Sen. Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) asked the sponsor if she has checked with hospitals to see if it is already in practice.

Sen. Tavares said she didn't know how common of a practice it is, particularly in smaller hospital systems and practices.

**Sen. Edna Brown** (D-Toledo) said many people wear badges backwards, and suggested that the requirement be that the name and status be visible.

That's the intent of the bill, Sen. Tavares said, but it could be made explicit in the bill.

**SB 192** **AWARENESS WEEK** (**Tavares, C.**) To designate the last week of September as "Diaper Need Awareness Week." (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sen. Tavares said her bill would designate the final week of September as Diaper Need Awareness Week, focusing on the need by low-income families of diapers and to rally support for diaper bank programs.

"Children in low-income families are at the greatest risk of suffering the effects of diaper need because many families cannot afford diapers," she said. "Current public support programs help some, but young children have additional needs necessary to build a strong foundation for healthy growth. More awareness needs to be brought to such a critical but oftentimes overlooked necessity for Ohio families."

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is the only federal program that can cover diapers, and families are often forced to choose between diapers and other services TANF covers, such as heat, electric, rent, clothing and transportation, Sen. Tavares said.

"This bill is simply meant to bring attention to this important need and to encourage those of us with a little extra to donate to the Diaper Banks in our communities or to start them," she said.

### **Insurance & Financial Institutions**

**HB 362**      **HPRS RETIREMENT (Carfagna, R., Ramos, D.)** To revise the law governing the State Highway Patrol Retirement System. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Mark Atkeson, executive director of the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System, said the bill would help the pension fund ensure continued solvency.

The bill would return the minimum retirement age to 52 for new hires after Jan. 1, 2020, calculate pension benefits for off-duty disabilities based on a minimum 12-year service benefit instead of 20 years, and eliminate the automatic 50% unfunded survivor benefit, creating a set amount of \$900, increasing annually as the board determines.

The measure would also provide no survivor benefits for those who marry after retirement.

"These changes reduce the amortization period of our unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities by several years, and when these changes are fully realized, they will have a compounding cumulative effect on reducing our unfunded liabilities," he said. "In addition, these are considered best practices and are consistent with other similar systems."

Robert Booker, president of the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, said the changes are needed to ensure the system's long-term health.

"Like with other pension systems, our system continues to face actuarial assumption changes that have not been seen before," he said. "Probably, the most significant change was the reduction of the investment assumed rate of return. These assumption changes increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities of a pension system. The legislative changes the HPRS board has approved are necessary and will decrease the amortization period of the system's unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities by several years, thus improving its solvency."

In written testimony, HPRS Board member Matt Them voiced support for the proposal.

"I realize no one wants to see any change in benefits, myself included, but this legislation is in the best interest of the retirement system and its long-term solvency," he said. "Thus, in the long-run, a solvent and well-funded system will benefit all of us individually."

Chairman Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) said he hopes to vote the bill out of the committee next week.

**SB 227** **HEALTH PLAN CLAIMS** (Huffman, M.) To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders. (**CONTINUED** (See separate story); 3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

**Government Oversight & Reform**

**SJR 5** **CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING** (Huffman, M.) To establish a process for congressional redistricting. (**CONTINUED** (See separate story); 1st Hearing-All testimony)

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## Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, January 24

### Legislative Committees

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

**HB 191** **NURSE ANESTHETISTS** (Gonzales, A.) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists. (3rd Hearing-Proponent)

**Senate Ways & Means** (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

**HB 24** **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS** (Ginter, T.) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501C(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 292** **OHIO RESIDENCY** (Scherer, G.) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 226** **TAX HOLIDAY** (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**Senate Government Oversight & Reform** (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

**SJR 5** **CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING** (Huffman, M.) To establish a process for congressional redistricting. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**House Insurance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

- **Presentation by Ohio State Highway Patrol Lt. Steven M. Click on the Ohio ASSIST (Aiding Safety Services with Incident Survival Techniques) Program**

**HB 459** **WORKERS' COMPENSATION** (Henne, M.) To allow groups of employers to be granted status as a self-insuring employer for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 416** **HEALTH SERVICE PRICES** (Huffman, S.) Regarding the provision of cost estimates for scheduled health care services and health care services requiring insurer preauthorization. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Transportation & Public Safety** (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 10 a.m.

- HB 293** **DRIVER'S LICENSES** (Scherer, G., Sheehy, M.) To require a person to hold a temporary instruction permit for one year before obtaining a probationary driver's license and to alter the time periods during which the holder of a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle without being accompanied by a parent or guardian. (3rd Hearing-Proponent & opponent-Possible substitute)
- HB 350** **ROAD NAMING** (Craig, H.) To designate a portion of State Route 317 in Franklin County as the "Patrolman Dane L. Rowe Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 421** **VEHICLE TITLES** (Patterson, J., Becker, J.) To provide that when a certificate of title is issued for a motor vehicle, the owner may request that the certificate indicate that the motor vehicle is a replica vehicle. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 20** **VEHICLE CRASHES** (Schaffer, T.) To urge Congress to encourage the Administrator of the FMCSA to change the crash indicator BASIC regulation standards to consider only crashes in which the driver was at fault for the crash. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 400** **BRIDGE NAMING** (Holmes, G.) To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of State Route 169 in Trumbull County, as the "World War I and World War II Veterans Memorial Bridge." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 401** **BRIDGE NAMING** (Holmes, G.) To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of United States Route 422 in Girard, as the "Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 388** **LICENSE PLATE** (Sykes, E., Roegner, K.) To create the "Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- House Higher Education & Workforce Development** (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.
- HB 58** **CURSIVE HANDWRITING** (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.) To require instruction in cursive handwriting. (6th Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 449** **SPONSOR RATINGS** (Rogers, J., Patterson, J.) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Rules & Reference** (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
- House Rules & Reference** (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3506), Rm. 119, 12:15 p.m.
- House Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- Senate Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- House Civil Justice** (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m.

**HB 407** **ESTATE LAW** (Dever, J., Seitz, B.) To abolish the estate by dower. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 446** **POWER OF ATTORNEY** (Rogers, J., Seitz, B.) Relative to the acceptance of an acknowledged power of attorney. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security** (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 116, 2:30 p.m. or after session

**HR 318** **ARMED FORCES** (Dever, J.) To urge the President and Congress of the United States, and the Secretary of Defense, to authorize the recruitment of individuals with disabilities for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 434** **LICENSE PLATES** (Sweeney, M., Perales, R.) To create the "Army Distinguished Service Cross," the "Navy Cross," the "Air Force Cross," and the "Coast Guard Cross" license plates. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight** (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 313, 2:30 p.m. or after session

- 2nd Hearing-PropONENT testimony on bill from Rep. Schuring on redistricting

**HB 87** **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** (Roegner, K.) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 478** **WIRELESS SERVICES** (Smith, R., LaTourette, S.) To modify the law regarding wireless service and the placement of small cell wireless facilities in the public way. (2nd Hearing-PropONENT)

**HB 382** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. (10th Hearing-All testimony)

**HJR 4** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. (10th Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 462** **HOSPITAL CLOSINGS** (Schuring, K., West, T.) To require that a for-profit hospital and its affiliated health care facilities in certain counties follow specified procedures before ceasing operations or closing, and to declare an emergency. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

- HB 301**      **CONSENT DECREES (Butler, J.)** To require the approval of the General Assembly for a state agency to agree to a consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement that would alter or prohibit the enforcement of a law of this state. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 223**      **USED TIRES (LaRose, F.)** To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 127**      **WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (LaRose, F.)** To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m. or after session**
- HB 427**      **SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Young, R.)** To require the Department of Health to publish monthly drug overdose death information for each county, to create grant programs to support faith-based substance abuse services, to authorize an income tax deduction for physicians providing such services for free, and to allocate funds and make an appropriation for the grant programs. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)
- HB 366**      **CHILD SUPPORT (Gavarone, T.)** To make changes to the laws governing child support. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 3:30 p.m. or after session**
- HB 253**      **CONCEALED WEAPONS (Householder, L., Lanese, L.)** To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m. or after session**
- HB 415**      **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (Greenspan, D., Ryan, S.)** To allocate one-half of any surplus revenue to a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund, from which money will be distributed directly to local governments to fund road improvements. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 169**      **HEALTH INSURANCE (Merrin, D.)** To require, with respect to insurance contracted for or provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to pay the same percentage of the premium for vision, dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health insurance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 298**      **SICK DAYS (Merrin, D.)** To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 314**      **SAFETY TAX CREDIT (Schaffer, T.)** To allow an income tax credit for law enforcement officials who purchase safety or protective items to be used in the course of official law enforcement activities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)



- HB 453** **CHARTER HOSPITALS** (Greenspan, D.) To require that all rights and interests in discoveries, inventions, or patents made by employees using charter county hospital facilities are the property of that charter county hospital. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 454** **CEMETERY LOTS** (Patterson, J., Arndt, S.) To require a township to compensate the owner of certain unused cemetery lots and rights which the township reenters after lack of response from the owner. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 299** **DRUG USE** (Young, R., Ginter, T.) To recognize the efforts and successes of the faith-based community in supporting and assisting individuals who are suffering from opioid and other drug abuse and addiction. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SCR 15** **YEAR DESIGNATION** (O'Brien, S., Wilson, S.) To designate 2018 as 'Ohio's Year of the Trails.' (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

### Agency Calendar

Arts Council, 33rd Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m. (The Finance Committee meets previously at 9:30 a.m. and the Executive Committee meets at noon or immediately following the board meeting.)  
 Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 1:30 p.m.  
 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

### Event Planner

Ohio Oil and Gas Association and Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund news conference call on orphan well legislation, 9:30 a.m.  
 Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Study Committee, Rm. 1960, 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.  
 Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) and Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) and Ohio Pharmacists' Association news conference on prescription drug legislation, Press Briefing Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 11:30 a.m.  
 Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) & Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$5,000, Sponsor: \$2,500, Host: \$1,000, Guest: \$500 to Friends of Ryan Smith and Friends of Dave Greenspan RSVP required to Taylor at 740.395.7656 or Taylor@smithforohio.com)  
 Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Janine Boyd. RSVP with Jenna Gravalis at 551-427-9895 or jgravalis@ohiodems.org)

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Groups rally to fight Ohio senator's rival redistricting plan (Associated Press, 1/24/2018)

Lawyers to Ohio court: Juries, not judges, should impose death sentences (Associated Press, 1/24/2018)

Lawmakers ax money proposed for film campus, Wasson Way in list to GOP leaders (Cincinnati Enquirer, 1/24/2018)

'Right to work' could be on the ballot in Ohio with support from lawmakers (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Ohio among northern states to lose another U.S. House seat after next census - Out of Line: Impact 2017 and Beyond (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Should ECOT founder pay money back faster? State Auditor Dave Yost says yes while school floats new plan (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Columbus lawmaker's proposal would allow physician-assisted suicide in Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Democrats tussle over ECOT campaign money, but GOP got far more (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Ex-Tiberi aide to join DeWine's staff (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Lawmakers take baby steps toward redistricting compromise (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Portman says killing NAFTA would be mistake (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Right-to-work would help Ohio workers, GOP lawmakers say (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

'On its last legs': Why election boards are seeking new voting machines (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Doctor-assisted suicide bill coming to Ohio Statehouse (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Ohio looking to change bail system, focusing less on money (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Portman warns Trump: killing NAFTA will kill jobs in Ohio (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

State considers punishing cities that use traffic, red-light cameras (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)



Thousands head back to work at Wright-Patt as shutdown ends (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Lawmakers argue ECOT closing preventable (Toledo Blade, 1/24/2018)

## EDITORIALS

A fleeting moment of compromise ends the government shutdown despite "No" votes from three Ohio Democrats: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Scientists leading algae fight (Toledo Blade, 1/24/2018)

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

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**AP** Associated Press

### **STATE MIGHT SEEK \$19M MORE BACK FROM CLOSED CHARTER E-SCHOOL**

The giant Ohio online charter school that abruptly closed mid-school-year lost another round of its multifaceted battle with the state over funding but said Tuesday that it's still fighting to reopen, even as many of its 12,000 students are looking for new schools.

### **LAWYERS: JURIES, NOT JUDGES, SHOULD IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCES**

Ohio's capital punishment law is unconstitutional because judges, not juries, impose death sentences in contrast to the 6th Amendment right to a jury trial, lawyers for a convicted killer argued before the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.

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### **DEMOCRATS TUSSLE OVER ECOT CAMPAIGN MONEY, BUT GOP GOT FAR MORE**

As Ohio's big bet on a big online charter school fizzles, candidates are pointing fingers over the \$2.1 million in campaign money the school's operator has doled out during the past two decades.

### **COLUMBUS LAWMAKER'S PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN OHIO**

Lisa Vigil Schattinger wants terminally ill Ohioans to have the option chosen by her stepfather, who said his piece and then made peace with impending death from bone marrow cancer.

### **GOP LAWMAKERS, CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, DEFEND ECOT; STATE SAYS SCHOOL PRIORITIZED PROFIT**

Arguing that that Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio Department of Education should have kept ECOT open through the end of the school year, a handful of Republican lawmakers Tuesday defended the school and urged changes to stop a future shutdown in the middle of the school year.

### **RIGHT-TO-WORK WOULD HELP OHIO WORKERS, GOP LAWMAKERS SAY**

A pair of Republican lawmakers said their proposal to put six right-to-work amendments on the 2020 ballot would help Ohio workers.

#### **LAWMAKERS TAKE BABY STEPS TOWARD REDISTRICTING COMPROMISE**

A whiff of progress on congressional redistricting could be permeating the Statehouse.

#### **O'NEILL TELLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO VET HIM AFTER PAYING OFF TAX LIENS**

Gubernatorial candidate William M. O'Neill is asking the Ohio Democratic Party to vet him after paying \$4,361 in past-due state income taxes.

#### **ECOT APPEALS SPONSOR'S DECISION THAT SHUT SCHOOL**

Shuttered online giant ECOT is not giving up efforts to keep the school open through the end of the school year.

#### **EX-TIBERI AIDE TO JOIN DEWINE'S STAFF**

Breann Gonzalez, a longtime aide to Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Genoa Township, is joining the staff of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

#### **EDITORIAL: OHIOANS WANT REAL REDISTRICTING REFORM**

Ohio House Republicans' proposed congressional boundary-drawing "reform" is a cynical exercise in damage control.

## **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

#### **MIAMI TWP. TRUSTEE: STATE WAGE LAW 'DISCRIMINATORY,' WASTING MILLIONS**

A Miami Twp. trustee is asking the state to pay for the costs of what he called an unfunded mandate that is "most discriminatory" and that he said wastes millions of dollars across Ohio.

#### **DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL COMING TO OHIO STATEHOUSE**

Nearly three decades after Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian pushed doctor-assisted suicide into the national spotlight, state Sen. Charleta Tavares says it's time that Ohio legalize the practice with strict safeguards in place.

#### **ECOT APPEALS IN FIGHT TO STAY OPEN; EMAILS SHOW STATE FIGHT**

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow on Tuesday announced it is appealing the decision of its sponsor, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, to close the embattled online school.

#### **OHIO LOOKING TO CHANGE BAIL SYSTEM, FOCUSING LESS ON MONEY**

The ACLU of Ohio says a plan to shift courts away from using cash-bail systems is a good start but doesn't go far enough to fix the broken system.

#### **'ON ITS LAST LEGS': WHY ELECTION BOARDS ARE SEEKING NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Voting equipment in many Ohio counties, including Butler County, is becoming obsolete as replacement parts are more difficult to obtain and software continues to age.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **'RIGHT TO WORK' COULD BE ON THE BALLOT IN OHIO WITH SUPPORT FROM LAWMAKERS**

Supporters of "right to work" legislation are taking a different route to enact changes critics say would unnecessarily weaken unions in Ohio.

### **SHOULD ECOT FOUNDER PAY MONEY BACK FASTER? STATE AUDITOR DAVE YOST SAYS YES WHILE SCHOOL FLOATS NEW PLAN**

ECOT founder William Lager and two companies he owns have paid more than \$5 million back toward the \$80 million enrollment and state aid fight the online charter school is having with the state.

### **OHIO AMONG NORTHERN STATES TO LOSE ANOTHER U.S. HOUSE SEAT AFTER NEXT CENSUS - OUT OF LINE: IMPACT 2017 AND BEYOND**

Ohio is on target to lose another congressional seat after the 2020 census, making it even more important that the state gets it right in deciding how to reform the way its congressional districts are drawn.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **IN OHIO, NO ONE WANTS GOV. JOHN KASICH'S ENDORSEMENT - INCLUDING HIS FORMER RUNNING MATE WHO HAS IT**

In the Republican primary for Ohio governor, no one apparently wants Gov. John Kasich's endorsement - including the candidate who has it.

## **THE BLADE**

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### **LAWMAKERS ARGUE ECOT CLOSING PREVENTABLE**

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West board voted Tuesday night to accept a court-supervised master to oversee the winding down of the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

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### **OHIO PART OF STUDY TO REDUCE CHILD WELFARE WORKERS TURNOVER**

Officials say Ohio is joining a national research project to reduce turnover among caseworkers in the child welfare field.



### **KASICH DISPUTES TAYLOR'S ASSERTION THEY HAVEN'T TALKED IN A YEAR**

The office of Ohio Gov. John Kasich, and her own appointment calendar, dispute Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor's assertion that she has not talked to the governor in more than a year.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS GOING AFTER PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS**

When Ohioans go to pharmacists for their prescriptions, they generally assume they'll be told the truth about the costs of their medicines.

### **NO REDISTRICTING VOTE WITHOUT CITIZENS COALITION SUPPORT, SENATE PRESIDENT SAYS**

Unless a citizens coalition agrees with a legislative plan to revamp Ohio's congressional redistricting process, Senate President Larry Obhof said the Senate won't vote on the measure.

### **CLINTONVILLE ARCHITECT BECOMES LATEST TO RUN FOR TIBERI'S OLD SEAT**

Yet another Republican has entered the race to replace Rep. Pat Tiberi.

### **CORDRAY WANTS TO BRING FIGHT FOR CONSUMERS TO OHIO**

Richard Cordray just finished a five-year stint running the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but on Wednesday he said he is starting his fight for consumers in Ohio.

### **STATE LAWMAKERS VOTE TO REGULATE 'E-BIKES'**

Ohio is one of just 20 states that doesn't regulate electric bicycles, but that might be changing with new legislation.

**Dayton Daily News**  
www.daytondailynews.com

#### **NEW BILL CALLS FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY IN DRUG PRICES**

A consumer protection bill introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives this week aims to increase transparency in prescription drug pricing.

#### **RIDING A SKATEBOARD WHILE HOLDING A CAR COULD BECOME ILLEGAL IN OHIO**

Grabbing the bumper or side of a moving car and hitching a ride while on a skateboard is not specifically illegal in Ohio — something some state lawmakers want to change.

#### **TOOL WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW THE MONEY IN OHIO POLITICS**

If you want to know what's going on in politics, the old adage is: follow the money.

### **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **ECOT STUDENTS RUSHING TO OTHER E-SCHOOLS BUT TRICKLING BACK TO DISTRICTS**

Students from the just-closed ECOT online charter school have started to land in school districts and other charters, but the numbers remain low and it's too early to tell how well the process is working.

#### **OHIO PAC SUPPORTING OHIO WOMEN CANDIDATES RAISES \$750,000**

The Matriots, a statewide PAC supporting female candidates, started last year when a small group of Columbus-area neighbors, friends and acquaintances stood together at the Women's March on Washington and felt something big.

#### **TALK IT OUT: SHOULD OHIO BECOME A 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATE?**

Republican state Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel have proposed a package of six constitutional amendments targeting how unions operate and are funded in Ohio.

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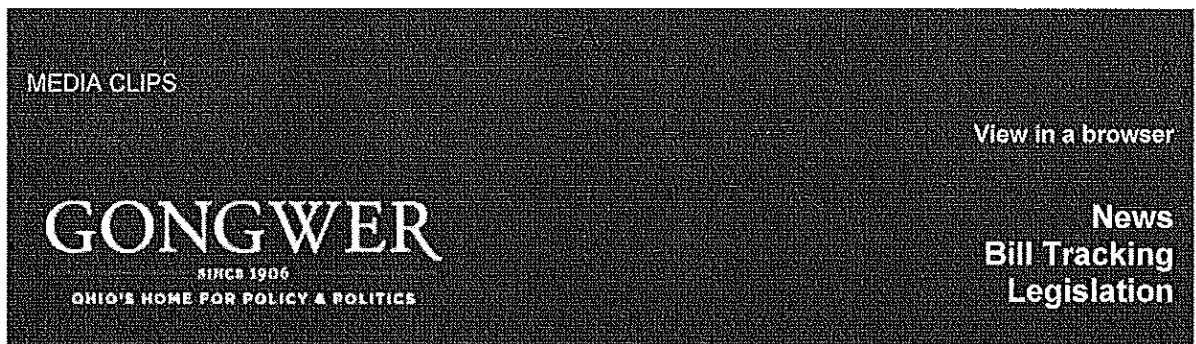
#### **VOTE DELAYED ON GOP REMAP PLAN**

Senate Republicans on Wednesday delayed a vote on changes to the inherently political process by which Ohio redraws congressional districts.

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In Ohio, lives altered a year into Trump (Cincinnati Enquirer, 1/25/2018)

Ohio PAC supporting Ohio women candidates raises \$750,000 (Cleveland  
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Powerful opioids are easily sold through the Internet and shipped in the mail, investigation finds (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/25/2018)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/25/2018)

Campaign cash: Who got how much from ECOT (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

Cordray wants to bring fight for consumers to Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

Kasich disputes Taylor's assertion they haven't talked in a year (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

No redistricting vote without citizens coalition support, Senate president says (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

Ohio lawmakers going after pharmacy benefit managers (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

State lawmakers vote to regulate "e-bikes" (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

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Tool will allow the public to follow the money in Ohio politics (Dayton Daily News, 1/25/2018)

High court: State's FirstEnergy refund order was improper (Toledo Blade, 1/25/2018)



Vote delayed on GOP remap plan (Toledo Blade, 1/25/2018)

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Editorial: CHIP breaks free from D.C. gridlock (Canton Repository, 1/25/2018)

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# GOP Week in Review

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**Farm and Dairy: Ohio Cattlemen's Association honors family farms**

Ohio Rep. Brian Hill received the association's Industry Service Award. Hill, a longtime association member, raises beef cattle on his family farm in Muskingum County, and is currently serving his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, after serving as a county commissioner for more than six years. ... "It's easy to go to Columbus to fight on your behalf," Hill told the cattlemen Saturday night.

**Columbus Dispatch: State lawmakers vote to regulate 'e-bikes'**

House Bill 250, introduced by Rep. Tom Brinkman, a Cincinnati-area Republican, would regulate electric bicycles, also called e-bikes, and hold them to many of the same standards as normal bicycles. ... "This new technology in e-bikes will allow more Ohioans to use our wonderful trail network, longer and later in life," Brinkman said.

**Dayton Daily News: New bill calls for more transparency in drug prices**

"Action is needed to address the rising prescription drug prices to protect Ohio consumers," said state Rep. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, one of the sponsors of House Bill 479. "Prescription drug pricing in its supply chain is complex and broke and needs to be scrutinized."

**Alliance Review: State Rep. Christina Hagan shows support for emergency personnel**

"I am honored to discuss legislative matters impacting our community leaders and safety services, and to work toward solutions with the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association," said Hagan. "I'm thankful for the daily sacrifices of all our Ohio firefighters and first responders."

**WHAM: Mom pushes for change after 3 year old denied heart transplant due to Down syndrome**

Miamisburg Representative Niraj Antani (R-District 42) is a primary sponsor of the bill and said, "They're told that they won't be able to follow the post operation regimen, their body won't be able to handle it, or that it's implied that their life is less worthy and that's wrong."

**Sandusky Register: State bill aims to plug orphan wells**

"As the representative of a district that is very concerned with the harmful effects of human activity on the environment ... I was proud to co-sponsor House Bill 225," Arndt said. "This legislation will help homeowners that discover abandoned orphan wells on their properties to properly address them."

**My Town NEO: Hudson boys cross country team recognized by Roegner, LaRose**

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to win a state title," Roegner said. "Our Hudson Boys Cross Country Team won the Division I State Championship through steadfast dedication. With an average 3.99 GPA, they are incredible student athletes and have earned the admiration of the state of Ohio."

**Columbus Dispatch: Ohio lawmakers going after pharmacy benefit managers**

Reps. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, and Thomas West, D-Canton, say pharmacy benefit management companies (PBMs) are issuing "gag orders" to keep pharmacists quiet about what could be cheaper medicines for their clients, and keeping the extra money for themselves — something the lawmakers hope to ban with new legislation, House Bill 479.

**WKSU: Conservative lawmakers renew their push for Ohio to become a right-to-work state**

Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel say their bill would allow voters to decide whether Ohio should be a right-to-work state for public and private sector employees and would put limits on unions to collect dues and spend money on political ads. Riedel says Ohioans should decide this issue, once and for all.

**Marion Online: Riordan McClain sworn in as State Representative of the 87th Ohio House District**

"Riordan McClain's experience in the private sector and financial management will surely prove to be a valuable asset to our caucus," said Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville). ... "I accept this appointment and will be honored to serve Ohio's 87th House District as state representative. I am appreciative of all the support that I've received through this process and look to carry that forward into a successful term representing our shared values," said McClain.

**Wilmington News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Business growth affirms healthy economy**

The eighth consecutive year the state has experienced a record number of filings, new businesses have grown more than 46 percent since 2010. This continued progress is a

sure sign of economic health --- when individuals are thriving and feel comfortable, they are able to invest in establishing their own business.

**Portsmouth Daily Times: Rep. Johnson honors 'Burg with state resolution**

Ohio State Representative Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) honored the Wheelersburg Pirates' football program for its state championship run back in the fall.

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Portman 'shocked' ex-aide accused of abuse (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2018)

Sole female Dem in gubernatorial race to quit (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2018)

Connie Pillich expected to drop out of the governor's race (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Lawmakers must rewrite Ohio bill to reflect new federal tax rules (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Ohio's charter school quality crackdown claims a big-city victim - the Cincinnati school district (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Skill games to be regulated by Ohio Casino Control Commission (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)

Chief justice to ECOT attorney: 'How is that not absurd?' (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

Kasich chosen to address graduates of Kennedy School in May (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

New report from pro-labor group pans right-to-work proposals (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

Ohio wants to require those on Medicaid to get a job (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

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Podcast: A discussion with gubernatorial candidate William O'Neill (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

Portman shocked at allegations of abuse by former aide (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)

**President Trump jokes with Sherrod Brown on DACA (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2018)**

**Ohio considers raising child marriage age after DDN investigation (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2018)**

**Portman's vetting of staffer didn't turn up complaints of wife abuse (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2018)**

**Vicious dogs: Ohio moves to change laws on dog owners (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2018)**

**ECOT asks high court to restore its funding (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2018)**

**Toledo's only abortion clinic now in time race to get transfer agreement signed (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2018)**

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**Unconscionable failure by Ohio Justices O'Donnell, DeWine to recuse in ECOT case after taking thousands in campaign dollars: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2018)**

**Great Lakes once again in budget crosshairs (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2018)**

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/14/2018



### **HOSPITAL PACT MIGHT SAVE TOLEDO ABORTION CLINIC**

A hospital system has authorized a patient-transfer agreement to keep the last abortion clinic in Toledo operating.



### **PILLICH TO LEAVE RACE FOR GOVERNOR, BACK CORDRAY**

Only one of the original Democrats running for governor will still be in the race after Wednesday.

### **OHIO WANTS TO REQUIRE THOSE ON MEDICAID TO GET A JOB**

Thousands of Ohioans soon might need to find a job or lose their Medicaid health insurance.

### **KASICH CHOSEN TO ADDRESS GRADUATES OF KENNEDY SCHOOL IN MAY**

Gov. Kasich will address the 2018 graduates of the Harvard Kennedy School in May, the dean of the school said Tuesday.

### **CHIEF JUSTICE ON ECOT CLAIM FOR STATE MONEY: 'HOW IS THAT NOT ABSURD?'**

As ECOT attorney Marion Little finished his arguments for why, under the law, the online school should get full funding for students even if they only log in once a month and do no work, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor interjected.

### **KASICH POSTPONES FOREIGN TRIP TO ATTEND OFFICERS' FUNERAL IN WESTERVILLE**

Long-time Westerville resident Gov. John Kasich is postponing a foreign trade trip to attend the Friday funeral of two police officers slain in his hometown on Saturday.

### **A FIFTH OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NEED HELP TO EARN A DIPLOMA THIS YEAR**

Less than five months from graduation, one out of five Ohio high school seniors still wouldn't qualify for a diploma under more-stringent state standards — requirements that at least temporarily have been softened to avert just such a crisis.

#### **NEW REPORT FROM PRO-LABOR GROUP PANS RIGHT-TO-WORK PROPOSALS**

In the wake of proposed right-to-work amendments by Republican lawmakers, a newly released report is recommending politicians can support Ohio workers by backing off of regulating unions.

## **Dayton Daily News**

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#### **OHIO CONSIDERS RAISING CHILD MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DDN INVESTIGATION**

An investigation by the Dayton Daily News into child marriage is prompting state lawmakers to introduce a bill that would bump up the legal marriage age to 18 for both males and females and allow 17-year-olds to marry with court approval.

#### **VICIOUS DOGS: OHIO MOVES TO CHANGE LAWS ON DOG OWNERS**

Four years after the gruesome attack that killed Dayton resident Klonda Richey, state lawmakers are taking a double barrel approach to finally putting more teeth in the state's vicious dog laws.

#### **CINCINNATI DEMOCRAT CONNIE PILLICH EXPECTED TO LEAVE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Former state representative Connie Pillich — the last woman leading a Democratic ticket for governor — is expected to drop out of the race and endorse former attorney general Rich Cordray on Wednesday, sources close to the campaign said.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **OHIO'S CHARTER SCHOOL QUALITY CRACKDOWN CLAIMS A BIG-CITY VICTIM - THE CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Ohio's push to improve charter school quality has booted a major city school district - the Cincinnati Public Schools - out of the charter school business.

#### **CONNIE PILLICH EXPECTED TO DROP OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Connie Pillich, the lone remaining Democratic woman running for governor in what was supposed to be the "year of the woman," will drop out of the race Wednesday to endorse Richard Cordray, according to two Democratic sources.

#### **ECOT FUNDING QUESTIONED BY OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES: "HOW IS IT NOT ABSURD?"**

Ohio Supreme Court justices were wary this morning of how the ECOT online charter school wants to be funded as the school and Ohio Department of Education pleaded their cases to the court.

**UNCONSCIONABLE FAILURE BY OHIO JUSTICES O'DONNELL, DEWINE TO  
RECUSE IN ECOT CASE AFTER TAKING THOUSANDS IN CAMPAIGN DOLLARS:**

**EDITORIAL**

The seven-member Ohio Supreme Court is hearing arguments this morning in a case whose outcome may kill or revive the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, the online charter school that shut down last month.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

**CONNIE PILLICH TO END GUBERNATORIAL BID; ENDORSE CORDRAY. WAS THE  
LONE FEMALE DEMOCRAT IN THE RACE**

In the so-called "year of the woman," the sole female in the Democratic race for governor will bow out to endorse former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director Richard Cordray.

**DEMOCRAT KATHY WYENANDT FILES TO RUN IN OHIO 52ND DISTRICT**

Democrat Kathy Wyenandt is challenging Republican George Lang for his Ohio House seat.

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**ECOT ASKS HIGH COURT TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING**

Clinging to hope of reopening its virtual doors, what was once Ohio's largest online school on Tuesday urged the Ohio Supreme Court to halt state efforts to claw back tens of millions in past aid.

**PILLICH TO DROP OHIO GOVERNOR BID**

Another Democratic candidate for governor will drop out of the race Wednesday and throw her support to Richard Cordray for the party's nomination.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/26/2018



### **FUTURE UNCERTAIN AS OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD SITS IDLE**

The future of Ohio's once-powerful higher education advisory board remains uncertain as lawmakers move to change the way the state oversees education.

### **OHIO MOVES TO ADD WRIGHT FLYER TO STATE SEAL AMID DISPUTE**

Ohio is staking another public claim to the Wright brothers' legacy amid a dispute with Connecticut over an aviator that state says flew first.

### **GOP GOVERNOR TAPS ADVISERS FOR GUN POLICY TALKS**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich says he has convened a diverse group of advisers on gun policy to help him come up with a consensus policy proposal that he can bring forward in the coming days.



### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA MAY ARRIVE LATE IN OHIO**

From litigation to audits to legislation, the attempted fixes are piling up for an Ohio medical marijuana program that has been beset by problems.

### **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR OHIO GOVERNOR HOPE TO WIN BACK TRUMP**

#### **VOTERS**

Getting Ohio Democrats who voted for President Donald Trump back into the fold was a theme Sunday as Democratic candidates for governor appeared before the public in Marysville.

### **KASICH FAVORS ARMING TEACHERS, AGAINST 'STAND YOUR GROUND'**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he is hoping that a group he's quietly convened to find solutions to gun violence in the state will be able to deliver something by the end of next week to the General Assembly.

### **FRUSTRATED ACTIVIST BASHES KASICH, EYES RECREATIONAL WEED**



An architect of Ohio's medical marijuana law Friday accused Gov. John Kasich of intentionally torpedoing the state's program, which is supposed to start in September.

### **UNION MONEY NOW FUELS GOP LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN OHIO**

Ohio has increasingly become an island among states that have passed a right-to-work law — an initiative strongly opposed by labor unions.

### **NEARLY NEW LINEUP AT DEMOCRATS' NEXT OHIO GOVERNOR DEBATE IN TOLEDO**

When four Democratic candidates for Ohio governor gathered for a debate in Columbus in October, they spent their time discussing Ohio's opioid crisis, the scandal surrounding online charter school ECOT, and the financial cost to local communities of state tax breaks for businesses.

### **KASICH ASSAILS DEMOCRATS FOR LACKING AGENDA**

Launching a spirited attack against the Democratic Party, Ohio Gov. John Kasich charged he has "no clue" what Democrats stand for and complained they have "no agenda."

### **CAPITOL INSIDER: KASICH CHANGES HIS TUNE ON 'ASSAULT WEAPONS' VOTE**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich's evolution on gun issues apparently continues.

### **EDITORIAL: DOING NOTHING IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE**

Gun-rights advocates in the Ohio House of Representatives had every reason to expect House Bill 228 to pass easily, further dismantling the state's already-flimsy regulation of deadly weapons.

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### **ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ER POLICY CRITICIZED BY OHIO**

#### **LAWMAKERS**

Several Democratic state lawmakers want to penalize Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for a new policy that does not cover some emergency room visits deemed by the insurer not to be emergencies.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **KASICH, OTHER GOVERNORS RESTATE NATIONAL NEED TO DEAL WITH HEALTH CARE COSTS AND QUALITY**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich and his counterparts from Colorado and Alaska came to the nation's capital Friday to remind policy makers, businesses and the public: There's still much work to do on health care.

### **'YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET PUNCHED, AT LEAST IT ONLY HURTS FOR A MINUTE' OHIO MATTERS: EPISODE 6 - JOE SCHIAVONI**

State Sen. Joe Schiavoni acknowledges the Democratic gubernatorial primary has been a tough fight so far.

### **REPUBLICAN OHIO GOVERNOR CANDIDATES SUPPORT ARMING TEACHERS TO HELP PREVENT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

Both Republican candidates for Ohio governor say they support arming teachers as part of an approach to prevent further school shootings.

### **STATE EMPLOYEES WITH CLAIMS PROCESSED BY ANTHEM NOT AFFECTED BY NEW ER RULE**

State employees are not affected by a new Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield rule that leaves some policyholders with emergency-room bills when the company determines they didn't need emergency care.

### **OHIO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BALLOT MEASURE MIGHT NOT HAPPEN IN 2018, BACKER SAYS**

Ohioans hoping to vote to legalize recreational marijuana this year will likely have to wait a little longer, perhaps as long as two years.

### **FACT CHECK: OHIO DEMOCRATS TAKE FRANK LAROSE'S REMARKS OUT OF CONTEXT**

The Ohio Democratic Party on Friday circulated a 13-second audio recording of Republican Frank LaRose, a candidate for secretary of state, claiming that he was bragging about a Republican plan to gerrymander states across the country, including Ohio in 2011.

### **MARY TAYLOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF HAS NEW JOB WITH OHIO'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM**

A longtime Kasich administration staffer has a new job advising Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program, but few details were available Friday about what he will do in the new role.

### **ROLL OF SHAME OF OHIO LAWMAKERS WHO OVERRODE GOP GOV. TAFT'S 2006 VETO, ENDING CITIES' BANS ON MASSACRE-CAPABLE WEAPONS: THOMAS SUDDER**

Some Ohioans sincerely believe the Second Amendment trumps any attempt to regulate massacre-capable guns.

### **FIRSTENERGY CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO POCKET CORPORATE-TAX-CUT**

### **WINDFALL AND SHORT CUSTOMERS: EDITORIAL**

The last time U.S. corporate tax rates were slashed, during the Reagan administration, some state utility regulators were slow off the mark in making sure investor-owned utilities didn't just pocket the profits without adjusting consumer bills, The New York Times reports.

# **THE ENQUIRER**

**THE NRA HAS A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE OHIO REPUBLICANS  
– AND DEMOCRATS.**

The National Rifle Association has long supported Republicans around the country, and vice versa.

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**LITIGATION PROCEEDS OVER MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSING**

A lawsuit that could endanger the timeline for Ohio's rollout of its fledgling medical marijuana program will forge ahead despite proposed legislation to give the state a chance to correct licensing flaws.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

3/2/2018



### **BILL WOULD REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS**

The Ohio House will consider legislation giving garbage trucks "move-over" protections in place for emergency vehicles.

### **NEXT PHASE OPENS IN OHIO'S \$8M OPIOID TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE**

Ohio launched the second stage of its global technology challenge Wednesday aimed at finding solutions to the U.S. opioid crisis.

### **MORE THAN 131,000 ISSUED CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES IN OHIO**

Ohio's attorney general says more than 131,000 residents were issued licenses last year to carry concealed weapons.

### **OHIO BILL WOULD ALLOW PROTECTIVE ORDERS FOR DATING VIOLENCE**

A bipartisan bill allowing victims of dating violence to seek protective orders against alleged perpetrators is on its way to Ohio Republican Gov. John Kasich.

### **KASICH PROPOSES 'RED FLAG' LAW, OTHER GUN CHANGES IN STATE**

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday advocated a "red flag" law for Ohio, a ban on armor-piercing ammunition and other gun policy positions he says represent political consensus in a bellwether state that could fly nationally.

### **2 DEMOCRATS FOR OHIO OFFICES WANT OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

Two Democrats seeking statewide office in Ohio are pitching a plan they say would guarantee Ohio's redistricting process for congressional districts is more transparent to the public.



### **FOR SCHIAVONI RUNNING MATE, DRUG CRISIS IS ALL IN THE FAMILY**

Ohio's opioid epidemic is so extensive that it's struck the families of at least two of those seeking statewide office.

### **KASICH UNVEILS 'UNANIMOUS' PROPOSALS TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE**

Saying he has to deal with the art of what's possible — what can pass the Republican-dominated General Assembly, Gov. John Kasich proposed six gun-law reforms on Thursday that he believes he can help Ohio avert some gun deaths.

#### **CRITICS SLAM MEDICAID WORK PROPOSAL**

Advocates, health-care providers and others slammed a state plan on Thursday that would require most non-disabled adults on Medicaid to work or lose their tax-funded health care.

#### **LAWMAKERS OFFER COUNTIES \$114.5 MILLION FOR VOTING MACHINES**

Counties would get nearly \$115 million in state money to replace aging voting machines in time for the 2019 election under a bill expected to pass the legislature this spring.

#### **REP. BOGGS NEEDS HELP TO QUALIFY FOR PRIMARY BALLOT**

State Rep. Kristin Boggs, D-Columbus, will need help from Republican Secretary of State Jon Husted in order to qualify to run as a write-in candidate for the May primary.

#### **MAYOR GINTHER ENDORSES CORDRAY FOR GOVERNOR**

Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther on Thursday endorsed Richard Cordray, former Ohio attorney general and former director of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, in the Democratic primary for governor.

#### **EDITORIAL: WORKPLACE DRUG USE DEMANDS ATTENTION**

Drugs and workplaces don't mix. That's common sense, but now employers have more reasons to take a hard line against employee drug use.

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#### **MORE THAN 131,000 OHIOANS GET PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED GUNS**

More than 131,000 Ohioans got their licenses last year to carry concealed weapons — 77,281 new ones and 54,064 renewals, according to Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

#### **\$114.5 MILLION PROPOSED FOR NEW OHIO VOTING MACHINES**

Ohio counties could soon get some money from the state to help replace aging voting equipment.

#### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD TO FOCUS ON OHIO RACES FOR U.S. SENATE AND GOVERNOR**

Planned Parenthood political organizations announced Thursday that they'll spend at least \$20 million in this year's elections, with a particular focus on gubernatorial and Senate races in Ohio and seven other states.

#### **OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH PROPOSES 6 GUN POLICY CHANGES**

Tightening background checks for gun buyers and allowing "red flag" protection orders were among six gun violence policy recommendations made Thursday by a bipartisan panel assembled by Gov. John Kasich.

### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HASN'T DECIDED WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN OPIOID LITIGATION**

As U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions promised, the Justice Department on Thursday evening filed a "statement of interest" in the swath of lawsuits being heard in Cleveland that accuse drug manufacturers and distributors of heavily contributing to the nation's opioid epidemic.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **JOHN KASICH'S 'COMMONSENSE' GUN CONTROL PLAN: WOULD NEW OHIO GUN LAWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

John Kasich wants to change Ohio's gun laws, touting support for "commonsense" measures from a handful of Republicans and Democrats.

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### **KASICH PROPOSES GUN REFORM MEASURES**

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday unveiled a package of proposed gun law reforms to prohibit the sale of armor-piercing ammunition and third-party "strawman" sales of guns to people prohibited from having them.

### **PROPOSAL WOULD FUND NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Ohio would borrow \$114.5 million to help counties replace an aging fleet of voting machines in time by next year under a bill reworked Thursday.

### **EDITORIAL: RIGHT-TO-WORK INFRINGES ON EMPLOYERS**

Is it too much to ask for some consistency from time to time?

### **EDITORIAL: DENNIS KUCINICH LEADING ON GUN ISSUE**

Successful political campaigns sometimes catch a breeze they never counted on because of some unexpected occurrence that changes public attitudes between the time the candidates filed and the time the voters vote.

## **The Vindicator**

### **SCHIAVONI GETS THE MAHONING DEMOCRATIC ENDORSEMENT FOR GOVERNOR**

When it came to endorsing a candidate for governor, the Mahoning County Democratic Party overwhelmingly went for one of its own.

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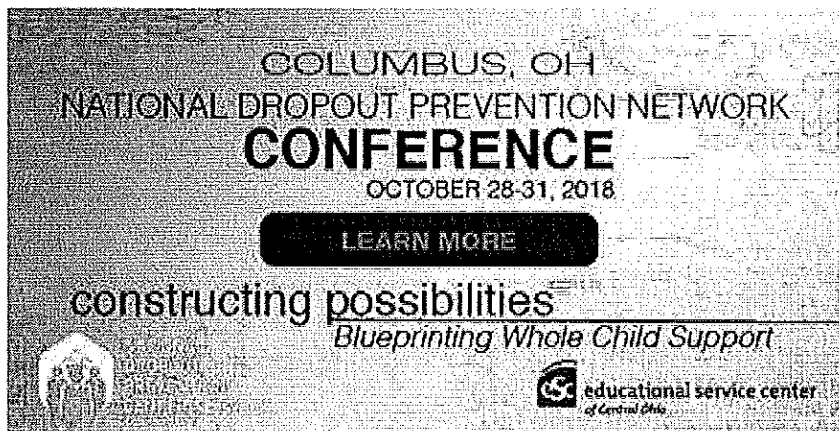
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## FEATURED ITEMS

### **OHIO'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EDUCATION DRAFT READY FOR FEEDBACK**

*The Ohio Department of Education and State Board of Education have released a draft of their proposed strategic plan for education and will be holding several public meetings around the state to gather feedback. The overarching goal of the plan is to annually increase the percentage of Ohio's high school graduates who, within one year of graduation, are:*

- *Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career-technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program (15 semester hours); or*
- *Serving in a military branch; or*
- *Earning a living wage.*

*The public meetings are scheduled to begin next week and will continue through mid-April.*

### **Draft Released for Discussion at Strategic Education Plan Forums – Hannah**

- The Ohio Department of Education has released a revised draft of its proposed strategic plan for education ahead of a series of public meetings that start soon to gather feedback and suggestions for additional changes to the plan

### **EachChild=OurFuture: A Strategic Plan for Education in Ohio: 2019-2024 (draft) – ODE/State Board of Education/Hannah**

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# OHIO

## ***Central Ohio Schools***

### **Diploma Program Helps Prepare Central Ohio High School Students for Global Economy – Columbus Dispatch**

- The program aims to introduce students to different ideas and people so they're better equipped to work in a global business world. It also helps students meet with people from different countries, such as refugees from Somalia and Syria, so they have a better understanding of their lives and the challenges they face

### **Central Ohio Schools: Groveport Threat Was One of Several – This Week/Columbus Dispatch**

- A Groveport Madison middle school student was in custody Feb. 27 after Madison Township police say he posted photos of guns and threats affecting district buildings on social media

### **Two Columbus Charter Schools Get Combined \$3 Million in Grants to Expand – Columbus Dispatch**

- Two Columbus charter schools will receive a combined \$3 million from the state to help finance expansions and renovations of their school facilities

## **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Ohio Auditor Says Columbus Schools May Have to Redo Superintendent Search If Sunshine Laws Violated – Columbus Dispatch**

- With only one Columbus City Schools superintendent candidate left after a seven-month national search that reviewed dozens of applicants, Ohio Auditor Dave Yost now says the school board may have violated Ohio law, potentially voiding the entire selection process

### **Probe of City Schools' Superintendent Search Could Take Weeks, Yost Says – Columbus Dispatch**

- State Auditor Dave Yost says his probe into the Columbus Board of Education's process of winnowing its list of superintendent candidates is

aimed at determining whether the board made its decisions in public, or illegally "in the back room"

## **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Board Approves Staffing Changes – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved a number of staffing changes Monday during its regular meeting

## **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Group Questioning if Cost Estimates for School Building Repairs Are Good for Grandview – Columbus Dispatch**

- Grandview Heights school officials say its 1920s-era buildings need fixes and upgrades costing an estimated \$45 million to \$50 million, or more. A group of residents is skeptical

## **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Groveport Madison Plans Summer Maintenance on Its Buildings – Columbus Messenger**

- Groveport Madison Schools will spend nearly \$209,000 this summer to do maintenance work at seven of the district's school buildings and grounds

## **NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Current Events Tied to Well-Being Initiative – This Week**

- When journalist and author Elizabeth Vargas visits New Albany on May 9 as part of the New Albany Community Foundation's Jefferson Series, the New Albany-Plain Local School District will use the opportunity to hold a community forum on alcohol-abuse prevention in April

## **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Walkouts Planned; Schools Mull Safety – This Week**

- The effects of a deadly school shooting in Florida are being felt in the Olentangy Local School District as students plan walkouts while administrators and parent debate new safety measures

### **Olentangy's Black Students: 'Racial Aggression' Common – This Week**

- A group of black high school students has asked Olentangy Local School District officials to do more to combat racial harassment in the district's schools

## **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Facility Plan Accounting for Growth – This Week**

- While the next segment of South-Western City Schools Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project will focus on middle schools, district officials are planning to take additional steps to address rapid growth in enrollment at the elementary-school level

#### **UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Dealing with Safety Will Be Cooperative Effort – This Week School Notes**

- Paul Imhoff, superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools, writes that safety has always been a high priority in Upper Arlington schools, but it is an area in which they can and must do more. Their strong partnership with the police and fire divisions will continue to be their most important tool as they move forward

#### **WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Walkouts Speak to District Youth – This Week**

- Westerville City School District students are planning to participate in two organized national walkouts scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, and Friday, April 20

#### **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Rescheduled State of the Schools Offers Plenty of Highlights – This Week It's Worth It**

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that this important event provides an opportunity to share not only their stories of success and progress, but also the challenges ahead for their schools and community

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### ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

#### **State Board Committee Seeks to Bring Superintendent's Evaluation Closer to Goals – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education is developing a new evaluation for the state superintendent that aims to provide helpful feedback and would be aligned closer to the board-approved goals for the education chief

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***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

**Child Trends: Half of Ohio Children Have Faced Adverse Childhood Experiences – Hannah**

- According to a study released recently by nonprofit think tank Child Trends, 49 percent of Ohio children under age 18 have undergone at least one adverse childhood experience (ACE) from which lasting negative effects into adulthood could result, leading the group to classify ACEs as a "critical public health issue"

**The Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Nationally, by State, and by Race or Ethnicity – Child Trends**

- This brief uses data from the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) to describe the prevalence of one or more ACEs among children from birth through age 17, as reported by a parent or guardian. The data are representative at national and state levels. The study team estimated the national prevalence of eight specific ACEs and compared the prevalence of these ACEs across states. To examine prevalence differences by race/ethnicity and geography, we used the nine geographic divisions used by the U.S. Census Bureau

**Ohio Wants to Improve School Security after Florida Shootings, But Officials Have No Plan Yet – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- Ohio officials want to do more to help protect students in schools from attacks like the 2012 Chardon High School shootings or the recent shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida

**State of the State: Job Prospects and Quality of Life Improve, Economy Slow to Recover – Columbus Dispatch**

- Seven years after his inaugural State of the State address, Gov. John Kasich is likely to take stock of how Ohio has fared on his watch during his last status report in Westerville

#### **Kasich Delivers Final State of State Address, Points to Finish Line 'Far in Future' – Hannah**

- "What a journey." Despite that observation, however, Gov. John Kasich made it clear Tuesday night in his final "State of the State" address that he is not slowing down in this his final year in office nor will this be the end: "The race is not over. The finish line is so far in the future," he noted, saying that with family, friends, and the team who have surrounded him through the years, "we have a world to change"

#### **Governor Wants to Help Students Impacted by Drug Crisis – Columbus Dispatch**

- Inspired by a group of Pike County kids facing the challenges that come with growing up in a household affected by the opioid epidemic, Gov. John Kasich wants spend \$20 million to ensure they and other at-risk children have the support they need

#### **House Passes Capital Budget, Child Support Reform – Hannah**

- The Ohio House passed six bills plus agreed to Senate amendments to another on Wednesday, including sending the capital budget bill on to the Senate

#### **Panel Discusses Pros, Cons of Textbook Alternatives – Hannah**

- There are plenty of options for higher education institutions to explore to help bring down the cost of textbooks for students, but all have their drawbacks, and implementing a program to bring down costs can take time, a panel on textbook affordability said

#### **Education Merger Bill Attracts Overflow Crowd of Opponents – Columbus Dispatch**

- In a hearing so crowded that security had to direct people to overflow rooms, home-school parents and traditional public school advocates joined to oppose a bill that would dismantle much of the Ohio Department of Education

#### **Educators Slam Agency Consolidation Bill – Hannah**

- Opponents of legislation that would consolidate several education-related agencies into the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement (DLA) packed the Statehouse Wednesday, telling lawmakers HB512 (Reineke) wouldn't improve the state's education system and would likely damage it

#### **Workforce Development Bill Amended to Recognize Ohio Technical Centers – Hannah**

- Ohio technical centers would be recognized as institutions of higher education under a change made to a workforce development bill Wednesday, though some legislators had concerns

#### **Huffman's Education Bill Passes Committee; Help Sought for District Facing Nuclear Devaluation – Hannah**

- The Senate Education Committee passed Sen. Matt Huffman's (R-Lima) school deregulation measure Wednesday after a series of changes, while also expanding separate career information legislation into a catch-all for other topics

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### ***Ohio Schools***

#### **New Online School Will Help Fill ECOT Void – Columbus Dispatch**

- After months of drama surrounding Ohio online charter schools and closures leaving thousands of students scrambling, the state will get its first new e-school since 2012-13

#### **Ohio Schools Challenged with Gun Safety Concerns – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- One measure starting to gain bipartisan traction around the country has been a "red flag" law. In California, Washington, Oregon, Indiana and Connecticut, judges can temporarily take away the weapons of a person who hasn't been charged with a crime, but has shown a pattern of troubling behavior

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### ***Ohio Postsecondary & Workforce Development***

#### **Panel Discusses Pros, Cons of Textbook Alternatives – Hannah**

- There are plenty of options for higher education institutions to explore to help bring down the cost of textbooks for students, but all have their drawbacks, and implementing a program to bring down costs can take time, a panel on textbook affordability said

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### ***Ohio Reports***

#### **The Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Nationally, by State, and by Race or Ethnicity – Child Trends**

- This brief uses data from the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) to describe the prevalence of one or more ACEs among children from birth through age 17, as reported by a parent or guardian. The data are representative at national and state levels. The study team estimated the national prevalence of eight specific ACEs and compared the prevalence of these ACEs across states. To examine prevalence differences by race/ethnicity and geography, we used the nine geographic divisions used by the U.S. Census Bureau

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## **NATIONAL/WORLD**

### ***Federal & US Department of Education***

#### **Betsy DeVos Rips State ESSA Plans in 'Tough Love' Speech to Chiefs – EdWeek**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos—in a speech she labeled "tough love"—laid into states' accountability plans under the Every Student Succeeds Act for not being ambitious enough, lacking innovation, and not taking full advantage of the law's flexibilities

#### **DeVos to State Chiefs: We Can, We Must Do Better for Students - USDOE**

#### **Sen. Lamar Alexander Backs Changes to ESSA to Improve School Safety – EdWeek**

- The chairman of the Senate education committee wants to change the main federal education law to allow schools to hire more counselors, make infrastructure improvements, and fund violence-prevention programs

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### ***Education Policy & Finance***

#### **States Are Taking Action on School Security – and Facing Hurdles – EdWeek**

- The shooting that left 17 high school students and staff members dead in Parkland, Fla., has supercharged debate in state capitals over what policymakers should do to enhance school safety. But governors and legislators are confronting—once again—the political and logistical hurdles to swift action on school security

### **Will Teachers' Strikes Happen More Often in a Post-Janus World? – EdWeek**

- Could an upcoming decision by the U.S. Supreme Court justices lead to more labor unrest? West Virginia—where a statewide teachers' strike just finished after nine days—and Oklahoma—where discussions of an impending statewide strike are happening now—are two of 28 right-to-work states

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## ***Standards & Assessments***

### **The State Testing Landscape Continues to Fragment – EdWeek**

- After a period of convergence, the K-12 testing landscape is once again looking more and more fragmented, concludes a new report from consulting group Education First

### **Whatever Happened to All Those New & Better State Tests? The State of State Assessments – Education First**

- In this report, we look closely at these trends. Using state agency websites, consultations with state assessment directors and interviews with key leaders in the field, we identified cross-cutting themes across states and analyzed the local circumstances in all 50 states and D.C. We hope this will be a valuable resource on the national assessment landscape, the recent history of assessments, where the field is headed and where and when state leaders need additional support

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## ***Educator Effectiveness***

### **Are Evaluation and Tenure Reforms Scaring Away Prospective Teachers? – EdWeek**

- Recent teacher-evaluation reforms have generally aimed at weeding out ineffective teachers and maintaining a level of quality in the profession—but according to a recent working paper, an "unintended consequence" might be that they're also chasing off aspiring teachers

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## ***Digital Convergence***



### **Districts Turn to Social Media, But Parents Prefer Emails, Call and Texts – EdWeek**

- Parents want schools to communicate with them via email, and that is why schools' more recent focus on using social media platforms to get their messages out may be misguided. That's the takeaway from new survey findings released Tuesday by nonprofit research group Project Tomorrow and ed-tech company Blackboard Inc

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## ***Personalized Learning Frameworks***

### **Traditional Education vs Competency-Based Learning – KnowledgeWorks**

- Download and share our chart to understand and communicate the differences in these core teaching and learning elements and how they empower educators and students

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## ***Diversity, Equity & Inclusion***

### **Teaching Vulnerable Students – EdWeek Special Report**

- What about the homeless child who also needs special education services? The student caught in the juvenile justice system? The immigrant child living in fear of deportation? This report focuses on these and other fragile student populations, their needs, and the challenges educators face in engaging them in learning

### **States Leading for Equity: Promising Practices Advancing the Equity Commitments – CCSSO**

- The States Leading for Equity report provides a brief overview of practices and policies states are currently engaging in to provide a stronger education for students. The purpose is not to advocate for one approach over another or to suggest that the work toward educational equity is complete. Rather, this document shows positive examples of state action toward each of the ten equity commitments as a milestone on this journey to share the progress states have made and recognize the difficult work remaining. Our state chiefs know that the journey towards equity is just beginning and this document marks a celebration of positive starts along that path

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## ***Achievement Gaps***

### **New Findings Show that Aligned Math-Focused Interventions in Pre-K and Kindergarten Reduce the Achievement Gap – MDRC**

- Early math skills are a strong predictor of later achievement for young children; exhibiting strong math skills in elementary school is predictive of high school completion and college attendance. However, effects from early childhood programs have sometimes faded, suggesting the need for aligned instruction in kindergarten

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## ***Extended Learning Opportunities***

### **How to Get the Word Out on Summer Learning – Wallace Foundation**

- Research shows that students with high attendance in quality summer learning programs gain an advantage in math and reading. But getting kids to sign up for voluntary summer learning programs isn't easy. In this guide, you'll learn from five school districts how to launch a summer learning recruitment effort

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## ***School Safety & Discipline***

### **States Are Taking Action on School Security – and Facing Hurdles – EdWeek**

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## ***Mental Health & Wellness***

### **What Are Active Shooter Drills Doing to Kids? – The Atlantic**

- At schools across the country, more children are taking part in mandatory “active-shooter drills.” Forgoing any pretense of a drill, sometimes a faculty member plays the role of a shooter, jiggling doorknobs as children practice keeping perfectly silent. Many parents, teachers, and students say that the experience is somewhere between upsetting and traumatizing

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## ***Early Learning***

### **What Drives the Cost of Early-Childhood Programs? Here's a Tool to Find Out – EdWeek**

- The advocacy group has released a new online, interactive tool and a corresponding report by Workman entitled, "Where Does Your Child Care Dollar Go? Understanding the True Cost of Quality Early Childhood Education

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## ***Postsecondary & Workforce Development***

### **Non-Traditional Barriers to Retention and Graduation – Education DIVE**

- Higher education administrators and advisors chose to look beyond surface-level enrollment and retention metrics in discussing ways to help nontraditional student get into and graduate from college at the annual conference of the nonprofit Achieving the Dream, as reported by EdSurge. Achieving the Dream works with about 160 educational institutions in 30 states to help community colleges close equity gaps

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## **STEM/STEAM**

### **Schools Are Adding More STEM Classes. It May Not Be Enough – EdWeek**

- Now, new research suggests that one of the popular policy solutions—increasing access to STEM courses in high school—may be no panacea for producing more college students who take STEM classes or major in STEM fields, raising big questions about what needs to change in K-12 to improve outcomes in the field

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# **Ohio Legislation Update**

**(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)**

## **HOUSE**

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out**

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47**STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49**OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017**

**HB51**DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66**UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB69**LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 94-2**

**HB89**AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98**CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost

due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving



certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

**STATUS: Re-Referred to House Finance Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and

assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Bill amended**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Reported out**

**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: House Health Committee**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

**HB418** SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB426** SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

**STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee**

**HB428** STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB432** STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

**STATUS: House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee**

**HB438** ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-0**

**HB442** SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB443** MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB449** CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB477** ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB487** RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB488** PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB491** SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB502** YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB503** YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB508** OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Bill amended**

**HB512** CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education  
**STATUS: House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee**

**HB517** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB524** 529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB526** VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB529** CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out; Passed by House, Vote 92-3**

**HB538** TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB540** TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning) With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB544** STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## ***SENATE***

**SB3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5** INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8** SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

**SB9** AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10** PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**SB15** COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB22** INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 90-7, Emergency Clause 90-7**

**SB34** SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**



**SB36**AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88**SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision

commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and

2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment  
**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB226** PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Ways & Means Committee**

**SB239** REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Bill amended**

**SB240** REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB241** ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB246** STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB258** AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB262** EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB266** CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

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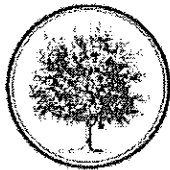


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Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer, and Daniel J. Dew, legal fellow at The Buckeye Institute are featured speakers at the **Federalist Society's 2018 Ohio Lawyers Chapters Conference** on Friday, April 6.

The one-day conference still has a few spots left (register now to guarantee your seat at what promises to be a great event).

We hope you will consider attending, particularly if you have an interest in legal issues and/or either the Janus case or criminal justice reform-Robert's and Daniel's respective topics of discussion.

Friday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Westin Columbus (310 High Street).

## Register

Buckeye's president and CEO Robert Alt will moderate the luncheon panel discussion on *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31*. Alt attended oral arguments in the case, which were heard by the United States Supreme Court on February 26.

The case turns on the question of whether "agency fee" arrangements—which require workers to pay union fees to public sector unions to cover the unions' activities other than political action—violate the First Amendment.

The Buckeye Institute filed two **amicus** briefs in the case arguing that overturning *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* is unlikely to cause significant decline in union membership or spending, with Alt saying that the case "has the potential to be one of the most important labor and free speech cases in the past 40 years."

The panelists are:

- William L. Messenger, staff attorney at the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation; and
- L. Camille Hebert, Carter C. Kissell professor of law at Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

Buckeye's legal fellow Daniel Dew, author of "*Money Bail: Making Ohio a More Dangerous Place to Live*", will speak on the panel "Criminal Justice Reform: A Necessary Correction or a Dangerous Experiment?" The panel will look at a range of issues including over-criminalization, prison reform, bail reform, and sentencing guidelines reform.

The panel will be moderated by the Honorable Sharon Kennedy, associate justice on the Ohio Supreme Court, and panelists are:

- Dave Yost, Ohio state auditor;
- Daniel J. Dew, legal fellow at The Buckeye Institute's **Legal Center**; and
- Heather Childs, vice president, compliance, Capital One.

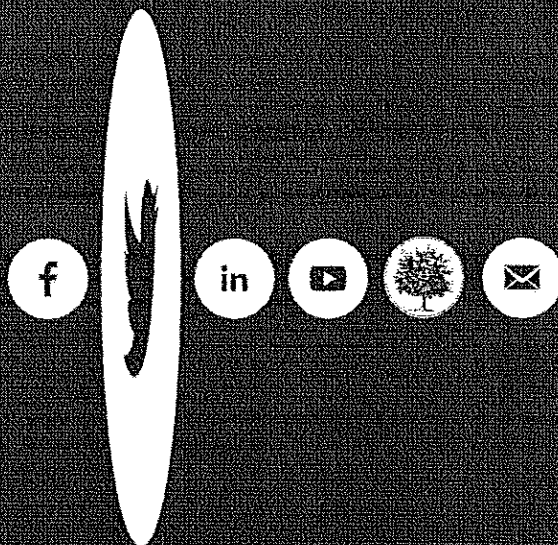
The conference will also feature opening remarks by Chad A. Readler, acting assistant attorney general of the United States Department of Justice Civil Division, and will include panels on originalism, federalism, and analyzing Ohio's judicial system and the Ohio Supreme Court.

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

5/15/2018



### **GOP GOV. KASICH TO SHARE OHIO PLAN TO HELP LEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is announcing an initiative aimed at helping legal immigrants successfully integrate in the state.

### **OHIO HOUSE GOP TO PICK NEW SPEAKER; LAST LEADER RESIGNED**

Republicans in the Ohio House are slated to vote on a new House speaker after the previous leader resigned amid an FBI inquiry surrounding his activities.



### **KASICH, DEWINE OPPOSE SPORTS BETTING; CORDRAY WOULD CONSIDER IT**

Can you imagine betting a few bucks — legally — on the Ohio State University football Buckeyes to cover the spread against That Team up North?

### **HUNDREDS GATHER AT STATEHOUSE TO MARK REBIRTH OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN**

Almost 50 years to the day after the original Poor People's Campaign marched on Washington, the current iteration of the movement descended on the Statehouse steps to call on the General Assembly to address the plight of the millions of people living in poverty.

### **HOUSE GOP DRAGGED INTO CONTENTIOUS TUESDAY SPEAKER VOTE**

The House speaker is one of the most powerful people in state government, and Ohio lawmakers are about to pick a new one in a rare mid-term replacement.

### **MANY STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE 8.7% RAISE OVER 3 YEARS**

Members of the state's largest employee union will receive a raise of more than 8 percent over three years in a contract ratified by the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association.

### **DISPUTE OVER PROTECTION OF EVIDENCE IN ECOT CASE RESOLVED**

The Ohio auditor's office has finished collecting data for a criminal investigation of failed online charter school ECOT and placed the records in an evidence locker, where they can be

opened and reviewed only by a judge's order under an agreement reached Monday in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **SPORTS WAGERING COULD BE HEADING TO OHIO AFTER SUPREME COURT RULING**

Placing sports bets at Ohio casinos made giant leap toward becoming legal with a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday.

### **MIKE DeWINE RAISED \$1 MILLION IN 72 HOURS FOLLOWING HIS GOP PRIMARY WIN, HIS CAMPAIGN SAYS**

Mike DeWine's campaign for governor raised \$1 million in the 72-hour period after he won the Republican nomination last week, his campaign said Monday.

### **FORUM LOOKS TO FIND ANSWERS ON HOW TO GET MORE WOMEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS**

Three politically astute women will share their insights into the disparity between men and women in politics at a Wednesday forum in Cleveland Heights.

### **OHIO MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPANIES AWAIT JUDGE'S DECISION ON WHETHER TO PAUSE GROW LICENSES**

The decision of whether to halt a portion of Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program - which the state argues will delay cannabis from getting to sick patients - is now in Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Richard Frye's hands.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **WILL OHIO LEGALIZE SPORTS GAMBLING AFTER U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION?**

Want to bet on the Cincinnati Bearcats, Ohio State University Buckeyes or Cincinnati Bengals?

### **FBI INVESTIGATION: WHO WILL WIN THE GOP BATTLE TO LEAD THE OHIO HOUSE?**

Right to work. Abortion restrictions. Gun laws. Money for schools. Medicaid expansion. A key person controlling decisions on these controversial, complex topics: the Ohio House speaker.

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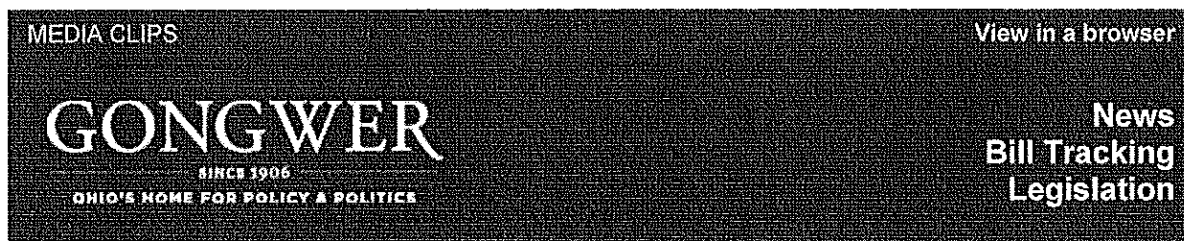
### **SUPREME COURT LETS STATES, INCLUDING OHIO, LEGALIZE SPORTS GAMBLING**

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday opened the door for states like Ohio to enter the sports-betting arena, but it remains to be seen whether the Buckeye State is ready to walk through it.

**SCHOOL THAT TOOK ECOT STUDENTS WANTS POOR SCORES IGNORED**

Maumee-based Ohio Virtual Academy and its sponsor are asking lawmakers to provide a "safe harbor" from potentially poor academic performance by students who transferred from the now-shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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## NEWS

Trump signs bill for terminal patients to try unproven drugs (Akron Beacon Journal, 5/31/2018)

Group says Ohio needs office to lobby for more military jobs (Associated Press, 5/31/2018)

Mike DeWine says right-to-work is not on his agenda. So did GOP governors who later supported it. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Paul Ryan to attend Troy Balderson fundraiser in suburban Columbus (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Questions about funding stall Ohio bail-reform bill (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

State Rep. Scott Lipps wears his last name with a smile (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Brown-Portman bill would give fentanyl detectors to law enforcement (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)

**Democratic group assails Balderson on ECOT campaign cash (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

**Group says Ohio needs office to lobby for military jobs (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

**Speaker feud continues as Smith backers call for immediate vote (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

**Bill would push Ohio schools to open after Labor Day (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)**

**Dayton company part of 'clean energy' movement that could create 20K Ohio jobs (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)**

**Dems want to pin ECOT blame on GOP in fall election: What's really going on (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)**

**Ohio House speaker candidate demands immediate vote (Toledo Blade, 5/31/2018)**

**Lawmakers losing patience get the promise of a light at the end of the tunnel (WDTN, 5/31/2018)**

## **EDITORIALS**

**Beacon Journal/Ohio.com editorial board: Listening to voters, the ACLU of Ohio way (Akron Beacon Journal, 5/31/2018)**

**A troubling window into Army Corps machinations over Cuyahoga River dredge: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)**

**Decisions made in Columbus are forcing local tax increases (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)**

**Editorial: Only one real choice in Ohio House speaker mess (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

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### **GROUP SAYS OHIO NEEDS OFFICE TO LOBBY FOR MILITARY JOBS**

Ohio needs an agency that would help put the state at the forefront of military development and lobby for its current bases, a statewide committee recommended.



### **DEMOCRATIC GROUP ASSAILS BALDERSON ON ECOT CAMPAIGN CASH**

An independent organization backing Democrats launched a digital TV commercial against U.S. House Republican candidate Troy Balderson for not giving up \$10,000 in campaign contributions to the founder of defunct online school ECOT.

### **SPEAKER FEUD CONTINUES AS SMITH BACKERS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE VOTE**

Stressing that they are not the ones keeping the House from conducting business, Rep. Ryan Smith and about 25 of his supporters gathered Wednesday to urge a speaker's vote be called as soon as Thursday.

### **EDITORIAL: ONLY ONE REAL CHOICE IN OHIO HOUSE SPEAKER MESS**

The unprecedented breakdown of leadership in the Ohio House of Representatives is about one thing — serving one member's ambition to be speaker come January — and it's time for it to stop.



### **BILL WOULD PUSH OHIO SCHOOLS TO OPEN AFTER LABOR DAY**

A bill calling for Ohio schools to begin the academic year after Labor Day had its second hearing before the Ohio House Education Committee last week.



## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **MIKE DeWINE SAYS RIGHT-TO-WORK IS NOT ON HIS AGENDA. SO DID GOP GOVERNORS WHO LATER SUPPORTED IT.**

Attorney General Mike DeWine, the Republican nominee for governor, side-stepped questions on Wednesday about whether he would support so-called right-to-work legislation.

### **STATE REP. SCOTT LIPPS WEARS HIS LAST NAME WITH A SMILE**

In the halls of the Ohio Statehouse, it's usually not hard to guess which lawmaker is state Rep. Scott Lipps.

### **PAUL RYAN TO ATTEND TROY BALDERSON FUNDRAISER IN SUBURBAN COLUMBUS**

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan is set to be in suburban Columbus on Wednesday afternoon for a fundraiser on behalf of 12th Congressional District Republican nominee Troy Balderson, according to Balderson's campaign.

## **THE BLADE** (One of America's Great Newspapers)

### **REAGAN TOKES RALLY TO PROMOTE SELF-DEFENSE, LEGISLATIVE REFORMS**

In a public park less than five miles from where Reagan Tokes was killed 16 months ago, a rally will be held next week to retell her story and promote self-defense and legislative reforms to prevent that story from being repeated.

### **OHIO HOUSE SPEAKER CANDIDATE DEMANDS IMMEDIATE VOTE**

The leading candidate to be Ohio's next House speaker insisted Wednesday on an immediate vote of the chamber rather than a change in rules to allow the current second-in-command to perform the duties of the job but without the title.

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### **Progressive Group Targets Balderson over ECOT**

American Bridge PAC, a progressive group, is launching digital ads attacking Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) for retaining \$10,000 in state legislative campaign donations from Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) founder Bill Lager, the *Columbus Dispatch* reports. Balderson is running against Democrat Danny O'Connor in the U.S. House 12th District special election, and the Balderson campaign said the ads are a sign O'Connor's "far-left" campaign is failing.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20180531/democratic-group-assails-balderson-on-ecot-campaign-cash>

### **DeWine Says 'Right-to-Work' Not on His Agenda**

Ohio Attorney General and Republican gubernatorial candidate Mike DeWine isn't actively looking at "right-to-work" legislation as an agenda item if elected, *Cleveland.com* reports in saying he "side-stepped" questions about the issue. The report also noted that Republican governors in other states, including Rick Snyder of Michigan and Scott Walker of Wisconsin, made similar statements and went on to sign "right to work" bills.

[https://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2018/05/mike\\_dewine\\_says\\_right-to-work.html](https://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2018/05/mike_dewine_says_right-to-work.html)

### **Tokes Family to Rally for New Laws**

The family of murdered Ohio State University student Reagan Tokes will join state legislators and Grove City police to rally for legislative reforms on June 7, the *Toledo Blade* reports. Tokes is the namesake of Senate-passed SB201 (Bacon-O'Brien) and HB365 (Hughes-Boggs) which is awaiting a vote in the House.

<http://www.toledoblade.com/State/2018/05/31/Reagan-Tokes-rally-to-promote-self-defense-legislative-reforms.html>

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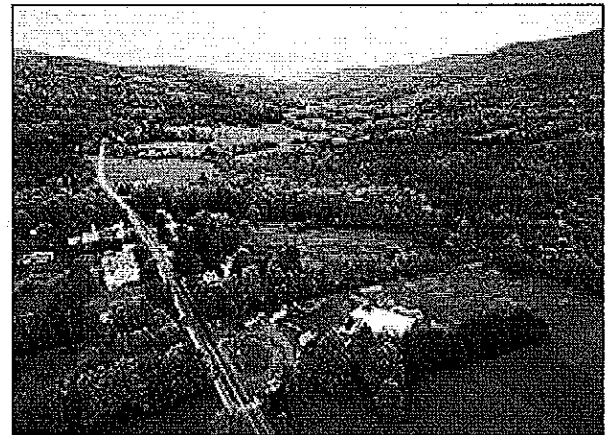
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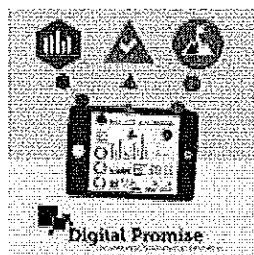
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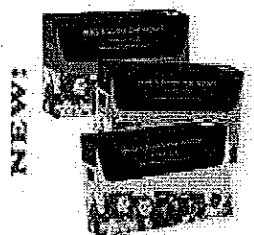


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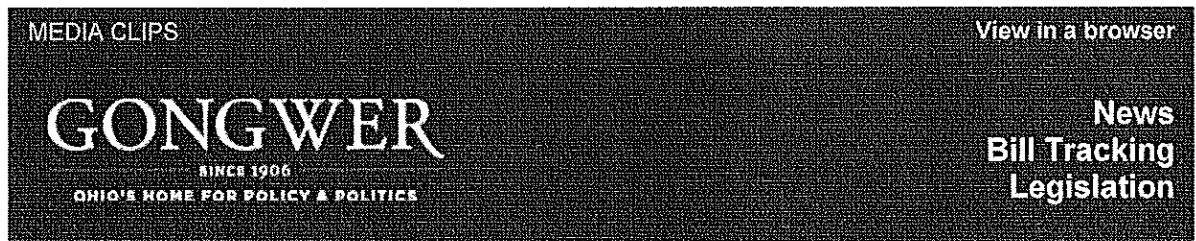
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Mike Pence will be met with dancing drag queens in Columbus (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/14/2018)

Poll: Ohio voters want to send message to Trump (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/14/2018)

This 2018 poll has lots to make Ohio GOP worry (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/14/2018)

Businesses want loans to fix failing multi-employer pension system (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/14/2018)

Jim Renacci's Senate campaign is staffing up for November 2018 Ohio election (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/14/2018)

Ohio dark-money group broke campaign-finance rules, group claims  
(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/14/2018)

Richard Cordray, Mike DeWine tied in latest poll. Sherrod Brown up big ...  
again. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/14/2018)

Brown confident jobs safe at defense agencies in Whitehall (Columbus  
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Businesses warn of dire threat if multiemployer pension crisis is not  
addressed (Columbus Dispatch, 6/14/2018)

DeWine fights union plea for clothing allowance payments (Columbus  
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DeWine, Portman will share spotlight during Pence visit (Columbus  
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List of Ohio doctors approved to recommend medical marijuana grows  
(Columbus Dispatch, 6/14/2018)

Partnership to free up more money for Ohio suicide prevention programs  
(Columbus Dispatch, 6/14/2018)

Quinnipiac poll: DeWine-Cordray race too close to call (Columbus  
Dispatch, 6/14/2018)

Republican auditor candidate says opponent doesn't understand job  
(Columbus Dispatch, 6/14/2018)

Gov. John Kasich more popular with Democrats in Ohio than  
Republicans, poll says (Dayton Daily News, 6/14/2018)

New polls show Sherrod Brown up big over Jim Renacci in US Senate  
race (Dayton Daily News, 6/14/2018)

Who is Rep. Jim Jordan's favorite liberal? The answer might surprise  
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**Sen. Sherrod Brown: Farm Bill might aid Lake Erie (Toledo Blade, 6/14/2018)**

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**Beacon Journal/Ohio.com editorial board: Forward with public universities (Akron Beacon Journal, 6/14/2018)**

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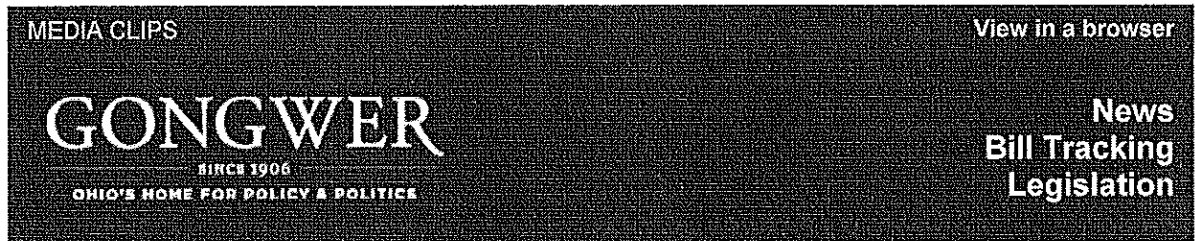
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Ohio lawmakers look to provide online academy 'safe harbor' (Associated Press, 6/28/2018)

Grab a beer with man's best friend: Ohio expected to allow dogs on patios (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/28/2018)

This U.S. Supreme Court decision might have forced Ohio into 'right-to-work' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/28/2018)

Bone appetit: Dogs could soon be welcome at bar and restaurant patios (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers OK \$114.5 million for new voting machines (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

**Ohio Senate Democrats push for payday lending vote; Republicans scramble to shut it down (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

**Schools that took in ECOT kids win 'safe harbor' from penalties for bad grades (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

**Sherrod Brown nabs endorsement from Ohio doctors group (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

**Drug middlemen charging Ohioans triple the going rate (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)**

**Law firm that cleared legislator also gave him cash (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio legislature sends package of e-school bills to Kasich (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)**

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**Ohio payday lenders off the hook — for now at least (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)**

**Sexting bill looks to give teens a break for bad choice (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio congressman: Delay replacing Justice Kennedy till after fall election (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio House votes to prohibit forcing churches to perform gay weddings (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers vote to ban sexting by anyone under 19, set up diversion program (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers vote to end fees charged for credit freezes (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers vote to raise marriage age after Dayton Daily News investigation (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**High court strikes down fair-share fees for public workers (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

**Last minute bills move in Ohio House, Senate (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

**State lawmakers approve Lake Erie funding bill (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

**Toledo abortion clinic argues state fines unwarranted (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

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**Sarah LaTourette a rising star in Ohio House: Brent Larkin (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

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### **OHIO LAWMAKERS LOOK TO PROVIDE ONLINE ACADEMY 'SAFE HARBOR'**

Ohio's Republican-led Legislature is preparing to temporarily relax academic performance standards on a virtual school that took in thousands of students from a now-shuttered competitor.

### **FIRM HIRED TO INVESTIGATE LAWMAKER ALSO DONATED TO HIM**

A law firm that cleared one of Ohio's most powerful state lawmakers of a sexual harassment allegation in April contributed to the politician's campaign while the probe was going on, state campaign finance filings show.



### **DRUG MIDDLEMEN CHARGING OHIOANS TRIPLE THE GOING RATE — OR MORE**

Pharmacy middlemen are charging Ohio taxpayers three to six times as much to process prescription drugs for the poor and disabled as the industry standard.

### **OHIO LEGISLATURE SENDS PACKAGE OF E-SCHOOL BILLS TO KASICH**

With ECOT closed and other Ohio e-schools still struggling to verify the enrollment numbers used to pay them, state legislators sent a package of proposals to Gov. John Kasich aimed at clarifying the basis for paying the schools.

### **PASTOR PROTECTION ACT PASSES OVER DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS**

A Pastor Protection Act that supporters say upholds religious freedom but critics call unnecessary and discriminatory against gay couples was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday.

### **LAW FIRM THAT CLEARED LEGISLATOR ALSO GAVE HIM CASH**

The Ohio House of Representatives regularly has turned to the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister when in need of an outside investigator.

### **SEXTING BILL LOOKS TO GIVE TEENS A BREAK FOR BAD CHOICE**



Not wanting to hammer all teens with harsh penalties when they are caught sending nude photographs, the Ohio House voted unanimously on Wednesday to support a lesser penalty for young first-time offenders.

## **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

### **OHIO HOUSE VOTES TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR TRASH TRUCKS**

A measure to require drivers to "move over" when passing trash trucks with flashing lights was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday on a 84-0 vote.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS VOTE TO RAISE MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DAYTON DAILY**

#### **NEWS INVESTIGATION**

Following a Dayton Daily News investigation into thousands of minors getting married in Ohio, lawmakers on Wednesday voted to raise the marriage age to 18 and allow 17-year-olds to marry under some conditions.

### **OHIO TEACHERS MAY FACE MORE TRAINING ON YOUTH SUICIDE RISKS**

Teachers and other public school workers would be required to be trained on the signs that a youth may be at risk of suicide, under a bill that passed the Ohio House on Wednesday by a 82-0 vote.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **OHIO SENATE DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR PAYDAY LENDING VOTE; REPUBLICANS SCRAMBLE TO SHUT IT DOWN**

Democrats on a committee vetting a proposal to restrict payday loans tried to advance the measure to the full Senate on Wednesday, but the Republican majority successfully defeated the effort.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS OK \$114.5 MILLION FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Help is on the way to replace Ohio's aging voting machines.

### **SCHOOLS THAT TOOK IN ECOT KIDS WIN 'SAFE HARBOR' FROM PENALTIES FOR BAD GRADES**

ECOT students were so far behind other students that schools taking them in deserve a "safe harbor" from damage to their grades, the Ohio legislature decided Wednesday.

### **OHIO LEGISLATURE PASSES BLOCKCHAIN LEGISLATION**

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS PASS WAVE OF BILLS HEADING INTO SUMMER BREAK: CAPITOL LETTER**

Wrapping up: On their final session day before the Ohio General Assembly heads into summer break, both chambers passed dozens of bills during marathon sessions that lasted well into Wednesday evening.

### **SARAH LATOURETTE A RISING STAR IN OHIO HOUSE: BRENT LARKIN**

Sarah LaTourette was afraid to tell her father.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **GRAB A BEER WITH MAN'S BEST FRIEND: OHIO EXPECTED TO ALLOW DOGS ON PATIOS**

In the middle of the dog days of summer or after a "ruff" time at work, you'll soon be able to sip a Bud – or maybe some hair of the dog – with man's best friend, thanks to a bill passed by Ohio lawmakers to allow dogs on outdoor patios.

### **THIS U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION MIGHT HAVE FORCED OHIO INTO 'RIGHT-TO-WORK'**

Remember that bitter fight against Ohio's Senate Bill 5? A U.S. Supreme Court decision just upended part of it.

### **PAYDAY LENDING: NO VOTE ON CONTROVERSIAL BILL FOR NOW**

Ohio lawmakers won't place any more restrictions on the payday lending industry for now – slowing down a bill that sped through one chamber following an FBI probe into its leader's travel with lobbyists.

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### **STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE LAKE ERIE FUNDING BILL**

As the annual peak season for toxic algal blooms on Lake Erie approaches, lawmakers on Wednesday finalized a bipartisan measure putting \$36 million more in state funds behind efforts to tackle the issue even as critics argue that just throwing more money at the problem isn't the answer.

### **LAST MINUTE BILLS MOVE IN OHIO HOUSE, SENATE**

In their rush for the door for the summer, the Ohio House and Senate on Wednesday voted on more than 50 bills, with some headed for the governor's signature.

### **BILL PROTECTING E-SCHOOL HEADS TO GOVERNOR**

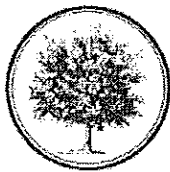
A bill shielding what is now Ohio's largest online school and its sponsor from the negative consequences of accepting thousands of former Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow students is headed to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

### **EDITORIAL: PAYDAY LENDING FIASCO**

Clamping down on predatory lenders, who charge Ohioans the highest interest rates in the nation, should not require a constitutional amendment, but apparently it's going to.

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## THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

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Following last week's Supreme Court ruling in *Janus v. AFSCME*, Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer at The Buckeye Institute, looked at what the ruling means for Ohio's public employees and government unions in *The Columbus Dispatch* (complete piece below).

Alt also had a piece in *The Hill*, where he wrote, "Consent matters. But you don't have to take my word for it -- just ask the Supreme Court of the United States. In *Janus v. AFSCME*, the Court's five-member majority held that the First Amendment protects public-sector employees -- including petitioner Mark Janus -- from being compelled 'to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern' without prior affirmative consent."

Read the full *Hill* piece [here](#).

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# The Columbus Dispatch

**Janus decision protects workers who dissent from union**

*The Columbus Dispatch*

By Robert Alt

July 1, 2018

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31*, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that public-sector workers must affirmatively consent before any money can be taken from them for union fees.

Since Wednesday's ruling, folks on both sides have unfortunately succumbed to hyperbolic overreaction. The most cursory recollection of our country's founding reminds us that the same idea of consent was integral to empowering the government in the first place. Accordingly, it should surprise precisely no one that the court was concerned with the compulsion aspect of the case's facts.

Plaintiff Mark Janus -- an ordinary child-support specialist at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services -- objected to paying mandatory union fees as a condition of his employment and lamented, "The union voice is not my voice. The union's fight is not my fight. But a piece of my paycheck every week goes to the union. I am not anti-union... But unions aren't a fit for everyone. And I shouldn't be forced to pay money to a union if I don't think it does a good job representing my interests."

The Supreme Court agreed with Janus that, indeed, consent matters. Common courtesy and basic human decency have always demanded it, but now -- in overruling its own 41-year-old precedent in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* -- the court found that the First Amendment requires affirmative consent when it comes to paying union fees, too.

Writing for a five-member majority, Justice Samuel Alito raised the court's objection to public employees being forced to financially support their unions, "even if they choose not to join and strongly object to the positions the union takes." Such an arrangement, Alito concluded, "violates the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern."

Unions will continue to serve their consenting members for generations to come -- only now they will do so more effectively, more efficiently and without trampling the constitutional rights of their members.

Any Ohio unions worried that *Janus* and other subsequent right-to-work laws will catalyze the end of unions and union membership can rest easy. Empirical studies and data from right-to-work states, including our neighbors Indiana and Michigan,

demonstrate that even after enacting right-to-work laws, union membership not only does not suffer but often increases.

In the first full year after Indiana's right-to-work law took effect, for example, the state added 3,000 new union members. Although union membership initially fell slightly after Michigan adopted right-to-work rules in 2013, it has since recovered, accounting for 15.6 percent of all wage and salary workers in 2017 -- up from 14.4 percent in 2016 and well above the national average of 10.7 percent.

After *Janus*, the quality of public-sector union representation inevitably will improve. Removing coercion and requiring affirmative consent will incentivize union leaders to be more responsive to the needs and desires of their union members, which will increase the value of union membership by refocusing the union's attention on increasing job satisfaction and working conditions for members.

Happier and better-served union members who have affirmatively consented to their union membership should be our shared end goal across the political spectrum.

Public-sector workers won the long-overdue right to be respected, irrespective of their individual decisions regarding union membership. And, in a nation founded upon the consent of the governed, the standard of consent adopted by the Supreme Court in *Janus* finally gives our hardworking public servants the voice and choice they have always deserved.

*Robert Alt is the president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute in Columbus.*

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The west entrance of the Ohio Senate Building is a smaller-scale version of a famed staircase in the Paris Opera House, with Carrara marble from Italy and gold leaf on the walls. (Laura Hancock/cleveland.com)

## Rotunda Rumblings

**Just due it:** A “right-to-work” advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers. But [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com)'s Jeremy Pelzer reports that the agency that handles payroll for state employees hasn't taken any action so far in response to the June 27 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME.

**Moving forward:** Supporters of a proposed November ballot issue that would set new standards for dialysis treatment and cap what for-profit



clinics can charge submitted more than 475,000 signatures Wednesday, [cleveland.com's Kaylee Remington reports](#).

**Also moving forward:** Supporters of the "Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Amendment" also submitted more than 730,000 signatures on Wednesday in hopes of making the November ballot, [cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt writes](#). The proposed amendment would reduce penalties for individuals convicted of nonviolent drug and drug paraphernalia possession crimes and direct the cost savings to addiction treatment and crime victim programs. The secretary of state's office has until July 24 to certify each proposed amendment collected at least 305,591 valid signatures.

**All aboard:** Columbus will have Ohio's first self-driving shuttles by December, [writes cleveland.com's Laura Hancock](#). The city, state and Ohio State University are seeking proposals for companies that can operate a shuttle service downtown.

**Back from the dead?** The Libertarian Party of Ohio has filed petitions this week to regain Ohio "minor-party" status for the first time since the 2014 election. As [Pelzer explains](#), if the party can get on the ballot this year, it's likely to run Columbus filmmaker ([and anti-Gov. John Kasich satirical group founder](#)) Travis Irvine for governor.

**Jordan fights back:** U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, in an interview with reporters on the Fourth of July in Fremont, Ohio, again disputed claims that he knew Ohio State wrestlers had been sexually abused by a team doctor. [Cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton rounds up](#) the latest in the nationally publicized story, including Jordan's assertion that an ex-wrestler making the accusations has sent him harassing emails.

**Inside the Statehouse:** Ohio officials laid the first cornerstone for the Ohio Statehouse 171 years ago. [Cleveland.com's Laura Hancock shows](#) the building's rich history with 16 images.

**He's running:** Literally. [Cleveland.com's Seth Richardson caught up](#) (no easy task) to Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine on the Fourth of July doing one of the things he loves best: marching in parades.

Richardson has an entertaining time-lapse video of DeWine logging nearly 8,500 steps before noon. The GOP gubernatorial nominee was of course accompanied by his wife, Fran, handing out her legendary cookbook.

**Where are they now?** The status of about 2,300 former students from the shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow is unknown, the Associated Press reveals. Many students from the controversial online charter school transferred to other schools, but the state doesn't know what happened to the rest, the AP reports.

**No reply:** "Records show more than 200 courts across Ohio failed to respond to Gov. John Kasich's executive order seeking more information on their history with the national background check database used in stopping gun-related crimes," reports Julie Carr Smyth of the AP. Those that didn't respond were mostly small mayor's courts, the report says.

**Kasich, the anti-Trump:** The governor is out with another op-ed, this time decrying President Donald Trump's trade war. The piece appears in the Financial Times.

**Unfinished business:** Ohio lawmakers sent a lot of bills to Gov. John Kasich before they took a summer break. But they left some high-profile legislation hanging, reports Carr Smyth of the Associated Press. That includes payday loan restrictions and a controversial "stand your ground" bill.

**Preventive measures:** The Washington Post looked at the case of the 4,000 eggs and embryos that were lost at the University Hospitals fertility center. The Post report features an interview with Ohio Sen. Joe Schiavoni who is working on a bill "he hopes will help prevent such disasters in the future and introduce penalties for fertility clinics that violate the new safeguards," Post reporter Ariana Eunjung Cha writes.

**For what ailes you:** If you're wondering whether your illness would qualify you for legal medicinal marijuana in Ohio, Borchardt created a handy list of medical conditions.

## Full Disclosure

Five things we learned from the April 9 financial disclosure statement of state Rep. Jeff Rezabek, a Dayton Republican who is resigning to become a Montgomery County Juvenile Court judge. Gov. John Kasich appointed him to the new post Monday.

1. Rezabek reported earning \$25,000 to \$49,999 last year as an attorney in private practice licensed in Ohio and New York. He made \$65,476 as a lawmaker, according to the Ohio Treasurer's office.
2. At some time in 2017, he owed at least \$1,000 to Nelnet, Fifth Third Bank, Day Air Credit Union, Bank of America, Credit First, N.A. and U.S. Bank. His campaign committee, Citizens for Rezabek, owed him at least \$1,000 at some point last year.
3. The Ohio House reimbursed him \$3,197.38 for mileage between home and Columbus. The Ohio Judicial Conference gave Rezabek \$173.25 for a hotel room during its annual meeting in Columbus, when he participated in a legislative panel. The Ohio House Republican Organizational Committee paid for \$133.40 in travel. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce paid for his \$69 lodging at its Policy Conference at Salt Fork in September. The Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth paid \$487.40 for his hotel, meals and flight to a conference last year.
4. He received an unspecified gift from Virginia Ragan, a prominent Republican donor, worth at least \$75.
5. School Choice Ohio Inc. paid \$33.66 for Rezabek to attend a "lunch and learn" session March 30, 2017. He received at least one Dayton Dragons baseball ticket last year, worth \$20.97, from the Dayton Development Coalition. He also received \$58 in food at a Dayton Dragons game from the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Birthdays

Saturday: State Rep. John Patterson; Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Greater Columbus Right To Life; James E. Campbell, Ohio's 38th

governor (1843-1924); A. Victor Donahey, Ohio's 50th governor (1873-1946)

## **Straight From The Source**

"I normally only give this to mediocre college football coaches."

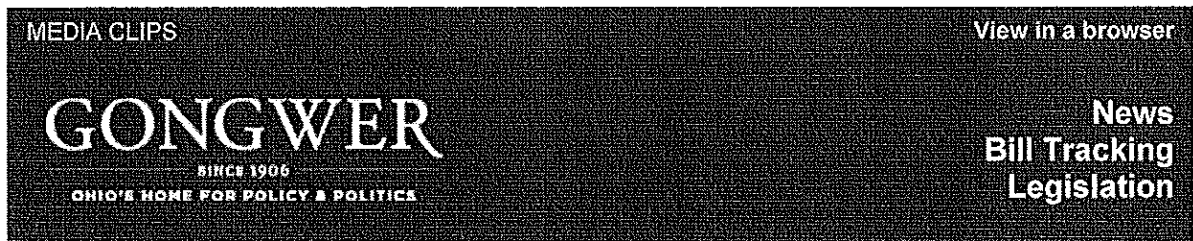
- Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, while presenting a key to the city to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. Kapszukiewicz took some flak from Ohio State University fans and the University of Toledo earlier this year for giving a ceremonial key to University of Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh. Harbaugh, a Toledo native, headlined an event there in May that raised \$100,000 for legal aid services.

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Why Ohio keeps voting on odd, complicated issues (Cincinnati Enquirer,  
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Ohio drug treatment and rehabilitation amendment could be on  
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Ohio Libertarians seek a return to the ballot this year (Cleveland Plain  
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Right-to-work group demands Ohio stop collecting union dues from  
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**DeWine says hands tied on pursuing ECOT -- until trial-court ruling (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)**

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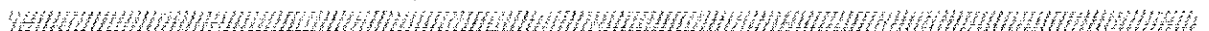
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**Ohio lawmakers respond to EPA chief resignation (Dayton Daily News, 7/6/2018)**

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

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### **OHIO UNSURE OF STATUS OF 2,300 STUDENTS FROM CLOSED E-SCHOOL**

Many of the students enrolled in Ohio's largest online charter school when it closed in January have transferred to other schools, but state officials don't know what happened with about 2,300 students.

### **OHIO NATIVE ANDREW WHEELER, FORMER COAL LOBBYIST, IS NEW EPA LEADER**

The new leader of the Environmental Protection Agency is a former coal industry lobbyist who helped lead an industry fight against regulations that protect Americans' health and address climate change.



### **DEWINE SAYS HANDS TIED ON PURSUING ECOT -- UNTIL TRIAL-COURT RULING**

Responding to critics questioning why it did not take action against ECOT founder Bill Lager years ago, the office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine says its hands were legally tied until a lower court ruling in March.

### **OHIO LIBERTARIANS SUBMIT PETITION FORMS TO REGAIN MINOR-PARTY STATUS**

The Libertarian Party of Ohio expects its comeback to succeed, allowing the party to field candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and other offices this fall.

### **DEMOCRAT DANNY O'CONNOR LAUNCHES AD LINKING HIMSELF TO ... JOHN KASICH?**

In a bid to win the support of independents and moderate Republicans, Democratic congressional candidate Danny O'Connor has launched a 30-second TV commercial



featuring an endorsement from a Delaware woman who voted for Ohio Gov. John Kasich and President Donald Trump.

### **EDITORIAL: STATEHOUSE SECURITY SHOULD BE APPLIED EVENLY TO ALL**

It is disappointing that Statehouse security officials and a two-term state representative haven't been able to resolve the lawmaker's allegation that she has been inappropriately hassled multiple times while trying to enter the building.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **RIGHT-TO-WORK GROUP DEMANDS OHIO STOP COLLECTING UNION DUES FROM SOME STATE WORKERS**

A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened to launch a class-action suit against Ohio and 19 other states if they don't immediately stop deducting union dues from non-union public employees' paychecks following a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

### **OHIO DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION AMENDMENT COULD BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

Supporters of a proposal to reduce penalties for nonviolent drug crime offenders submitted hundreds of thousands of signatures on Wednesday to put the measure on the November ballot.

### **WHAT MEDICAL CONDITIONS CAN BE TREATED WITH MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN OHIO?**

The success of a state's medical marijuana program can hinge on what medical conditions qualify a patient for treatment with cannabis.

### **OHIO LIBERTARIANS SEEK A RETURN TO THE BALLOT THIS YEAR**

After almost four years in the political wilderness, the Libertarian Party of Ohio is seeking to regain state recognition for the 2018 midterm election.

### **'RIGHT-TO-WORK' GROUP THREATENS TO SUE OHIO AFTER SUPREME COURT RULING: CAPITOL LETTER**

Just due it: A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **DIALYSIS TO DUELS: WHY OHIO KEEPS VOTING ON ODD, COMPLICATED BALLOT ISSUES**

Are you well-versed in kidney dialysis pricing? Do you understand how Medicaid pays for prescription drugs?

## **THE BLADE**

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### **RICHARD CORDRAY'S NAZI ANALOGY WAS AN OVERREACH**

Republicans have pounced on Ohio Democratic governor candidate Richard Cordray for referencing Nazis in two recent rallies.

### **LOCAL DOG BREEDERS, RETAILERS REACT TO NEW ANTI-PUPPY-MILL LAW**

Richard Stroshine, co-owner of Stroshine's Studs and Buds in Northwood, is too familiar with the horrors of puppy mills.

### **EDITORIAL: SLAVERY IN OHIO**

Former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach is running for Attorney General of Ohio, in part, on the promise that he will focus on human trafficking.

### **EDITORIAL: REGISTER TO VOTE NOW**

If you haven't voted in a while, check to make sure you are registered.

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### **Trump Defends Jordan as More Allege Sexual Abuse Cover-Up**

President Donald Trump told reporters that he doesn't believe the growing group of former Ohio State University wrestlers accusing U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Urbana) of not reporting the sexual assault perpetrated by Dr. Richard Strauss. Jordan maintains that he did not know about the abuse taking place, the *Columbus Dispatch* reports.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20180705/trump-says-he-doesnt-believe-allegations-against-jim-jordan-new-victim-emerges>

### **Right-To-Work Group Threatens Lawsuit over Public Employee Union Dues**

A Virginia-based group has threatened to sue Ohio and 19 other states, demanding that they immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union public employees in response to the Supreme Court's June 27 ruling in the *Janus v. AFSCME* case. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services says it has yet to take any action in response to the decision, *Cleveland.com* reports.

[https://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2018/07/right-to-work\\_group\\_demands\\_oh.html](https://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2018/07/right-to-work_group_demands_oh.html)

### **Records Show Many Courts Skip Kasich Gun Law Compliance Survey**

While almost all of Ohio's common pleas, municipal and county courts completed a survey designed by Gov. John Kasich's office to assess use of the national background check database used in stopping gun-related crimes, over 200 courts were either non-responsive or returned partial responses, the *Columbus Dispatch* reports.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20180703/hundreds-of-courts-skip-kasichs-background-check-survey>

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